



Dear Friend,

When I was a child growing up in the Northeast quadrant of Rochester by the Rochester Public Market, some of my most treasured memories revolve around the time I spent at my neighborhood settlement house not only during summer break but also every day after school.

Friendships from yesterday and today.



My counselor, Miss June, was like family to me. We played games, did crafts together, acted in plays and she even taught me how to dance! I learned so much from her and the other counselors, and I met people I remain friends with to this day. The leadership skills they taught me laid the foundation for a wonderful life and a successful career as an educator and community volunteer.

In fact, I was the third generation in my family to benefit from what was then called the Lewis Street Center. It was where my grandparents, who came here from Naples, Italy learned to speak English and prepared for the US citizenship test. It's where my father spent his youth, playing basketball and making lifelong friends. So, three generations of my family understand the value of what we received there, and because of that, I am passionate about giving back to my community.

My story is not unique. My friends and I, and the generations who came before and after us, all share the same great foundation. We share it with the alumni of Eastside Community Center and the Genesee Settlement House, which along with the Lewis Street Center, joined together to form The Community Place of Greater Rochester (CPGR).

The names and faces may have changed but the mission remains the same. We must strengthen our neighborhoods and city by caring for, engaging with and helping our neighbors. Serving 10,000 individuals annually, CPGR remains committed to these beliefs and fulfills them in a variety of ways.

But we need your help. Your gift will help an elderly neighbor stay healthy and independent in their own home. Your gift will provide basic needs for a financially challenged family of four for a week. And your gift will fund year-long programming for our neighborhood children, building a foundation for their success in education and in life... just like me!

Coretta Scott King said, "The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members." **Be the greatness in our community!** Please support the important work of The Community Place and give as generously as you can to help us continue to strengthen and nurture our community.

Sincerely,

Dorothy R. Pecoraro

PLEASE CONSIDER A GIFT TO THE COMMUNITY PLACE

Yes, I/we want to support the 2017 Annual Fund.

Enclosed is a gift of: \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50
 Other: \$ _____

Method of Payment: Check enclosed made payable to CPGR.
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