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Dear Donors, Sponsors, Partners, Volunteers & Friends of Grands Stepping Up,

We are aware and deeply saddened by the August 9, 2023, Delaware County Daily Times article reporting that child abuse charges have been filed against the founder of the Media, PA nonprofit Gratitude 4 Grandparents.

In light of these serious allegations, Grands Stepping Up wants to assure our GSU community that our organization is not in any way affiliated with the nonprofit Gratitude 4 Grandparents. We want to clarify that although we are both Delaware County nonprofits with similar names and missions, we are two entirely separate entities with no affiliation. Grands Stepping Up maintains its own individual 501c.3 status and upholds the mission and bylaws as set forth for governing the organization.

GSU is so incredibly grateful for the support of our donors, sponsors, partners and volunteers, and we wanted to provide this transparency as we embark on our fourth year of programs.

We have so many exciting things coming up for our grand/kinship families starting with the Back to School Drive the end of this month; then in September our Project Warm distribution; then on to our Thanksgiving, and Christmas giving initiatives.

The support you provide enables us to strengthen our commitment to be a beacon of light and hope for our deserving families not only during our season of giving but also all year as we support our clients holistically with our legal, therapeutic, social activity programs and financial services.

Again, please know that Grands Stepping Up is here to assist Grand/Kinship families and the Delco community in need and would greatly appreciate your continued trust and support.

If you have any question or concerns, please email me at karen@grandssteppingupinfo.com.

Sincerely,

Karen Barnes

President