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Neighbors Helping Neighbors
A Fall Appeal for Hope

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As the leaves turn brilliant shades of gold, orange, and red, and the crisp autumn air reminds us of the changing season, we are encouraged to reflect on the blessings in our lives. Fall is a time for gratitude, generosity, and renewed appreciation for the people around us. It is also a time to look beyond ourselves and remember those in our community who may be facing difficult circumstances.

Here in Willard and the surrounding communities, we understand that strong communities are built when neighbors care for one another. At Starting Point Outreach Center, we believe everyone deserves dignity, encouragement, and the opportunity to build a brighter future. Sometimes, making a difference begins with a listening ear, a helping hand, or simply reminding someone that they do not have to face life's challenges alone.

This fall, we invite you to join us in our mission: Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

Life can change in an instant. An unexpected bill, financial hardship, or family crisis can leave individuals and families uncertain about where to turn. At Starting Point Outreach Center, we walk alongside our neighbors during these challenging times, offering support, guidance, and hope when they need it most.

Through **emergency financial assistance**, we help neighbors navigate urgent financial needs. Our **financial literacy classes, training, and mentoring** equip individuals with practical knowledge and skills to work toward greater financial stability. Through **advocacy, referrals, and connections to community resources**, we help individuals and families identify available support and find a path forward when circumstances feel overwhelming.

We are also especially proud of our **Girls Closet**, which provides free personal care and hygiene products to teen girls whose families may struggle to afford these essential items. Every girl deserves to feel confident, cared for, and prepared to participate in daily life without worrying about access to basic necessities. Through this program, we meet an important need while sending a powerful message to young women: **You matter, and your community cares about you.**

These services represent far more than assistance. They reflect our commitment to compassion, opportunity, and dignity—and our belief that a difficult season does not have to define someone's future.

As temperatures drop and the holiday season approaches, the needs of our neighbors can become even more urgent. Your generosity helps Starting Point Outreach Center continue providing essential support, connecting individuals and families with available resources, and empowering people to take meaningful steps toward a more stable and hopeful future.

Would you consider making a special fall donation to Starting Point Outreach Center?

A gift of any size can make a meaningful difference. Your contribution helps sustain the programs and services our neighbors depend on during difficult times. It allows us to respond with compassion, offer guidance and encouragement, and connect people with resources that can help them move forward.

When you give to Starting Point Outreach Center, you do more than make a donation. **You help a neighbor navigate a crisis. You support someone working toward financial stability. You help a family discover resources and opportunities. You help a teenage girl access essential personal care and hygiene products with dignity.**

Most importantly, you remind someone that they are not alone.

We cannot fulfill this mission without the generosity and support of people like you. Every contribution strengthens our ability to serve Willard and the surrounding communities, ensuring that Starting Point Outreach Center remains a place where individuals and families can turn for support, encouragement, and help finding their next step.

As you count your blessings this fall, we hope you will consider sharing them with a neighbor who may be struggling. Together, we can do more than help people overcome today's challenges. We can help build the confidence, skills, and connections that create opportunities for a stronger tomorrow.

Please join us in supporting Starting Point Outreach Center's fall fundraising campaign. Your kindness can bring hope, restore confidence, and remind our neighbors that their community stands beside them.

Thank you for believing in our mission, caring about the people of Willard and the surrounding communities, and helping make our community a place where neighbors truly help neighbors. We are deeply grateful for your generosity, partnership, and continued commitment to making a difference.

May your fall season be filled with blessings, peace, and the joy that comes from sharing hope with others.

With heartfelt gratitude from your Board of Directors,

Dr. David Jump, Chairman, Rev. Bart McKelvey, Vice Chairman, Ilee Jaramillo, Secretary, Dan Schloemer, Treasurer, Rev. Doug Beggs, Don Peeler, Loren Buurma, Linda Doster, Steffani Service.

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P.S. Every neighbor deserves the opportunity to find hope and a way forward. Your fall gift helps Starting Point Outreach Center provide essential support, practical guidance, and connections to valuable community resources for individuals and families facing life's challenges. **Please consider making a donation today. Together, we can make a difference—one neighbor at a time!**