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Dear Skye's the Limit!,

As 2023 draws to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on the last 12 months and share my gratitude for your continued partnership, collaboration, and commitment to improving the lives of youth and their families. Since 2019 we have reached more than 5,000 individuals, part in thanks to the support of this community!

Our mission to prevent trauma-related loss by substance overdose and suicide through advocacy, trauma education, peer support, art, and wilderness therapy would not be successful without you. To that end, this year has been energizing and rewarding.

I would like to share some of the highlights from our collaborative successes including:

- **ALT Mental Health:** Working together with this organization we developed and facilitated substance abuse prevention and harm reduction training as well as the youth and parent mental health training.
- JCORPS Youth at Risk: We've conducted and piloted 13, four-hour substance use prevention and purpose-building art workshops reaching more than 100 youth at risk.
- **Neighborhood heART Club:** In collaboration with the City of Phoenix Housing and Aim Right Ministries we engage city youth with trauma-informed activities.

Looking ahead, I am genuinely excited for 2024 as we build upon this momentum and continue to demonstrate our ability to make a difference for our youth including the launch of these exciting projects:

- **Genesis Academy:** Genesis City offers youth aged 14-21, many of whom come from families without a history of high school graduation, the chance to re-enter the education system. The goal is to empower them to become successful lifelong learners and active participants in their communities. We will offer evidence-based substance use prevention and life skills programming and expressive, therapeutic arts.
- **Rising Youth Theater:** We share the same belief that artmaking and storytelling are catalysts for change and through our collaboration, we are excited to offer community-based parent and child expressive arts workshops on mental health.

Our accomplishments and new programming would not be possible without your support, and I would like to express my deepest gratitude.

As a qualifying nonprofit, Arizona residents can still donate and be eligible for the Arizona Tax Credit so <u>please consider Skye's the Limit for your end-of-the-year</u> <u>charitable donations.</u>

With the holiday season upon us, I want to extend my warmest wishes to you and your loved ones. May the season bring joy and peace.

Best, Keiko

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