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We trust we have warranted your support. I ask you to use the enclosed envelope, especially this year as our local charities struggle for funding, so we can help address the unmet needs in this wonderful community.

Cordially,

David Nelson

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September 8, 2008

Mr. and Mrs. Norval Stephens  
3400 Garlands Lane  
Barrington, IL 60010

Dear Norval and Diane:

You have made a real difference in our community by your gift to the Barrington Area Community Foundation. First, let me say thank you, and then let me tell you how you helped.

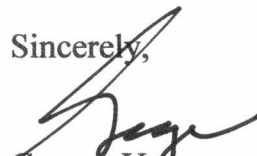
I was one of the founders of the Foundation back in 1998. We had an idea that an endowment for the good of the community would be well received. Well, we finished that year with \$36,000 in the bank. Ten years later, we have more than \$2 million in our endowment.

This is not about the amount of money. It is about being able to help organizations in the Barrington area that have a plan to address an unmet need—but lacked seed money to do it. That is what you were able to do with your gift. We know that there are many worthy causes. We also know that there are unmet needs. We try to put the two together: a cause that has found a new way to help people and the money they need to do it.

I just wanted to take a minute personally to thank you. I know you received the formal acknowledgment from us. This is a note to tell you that we did notice, we thank you for caring and we promise to continue to make any gifts you give us go as far as possible.

And, no reply envelope. Just my thanks.

Sincerely,

  
George Yapp

*Directors: Mick Austin, Mary Bradford-White, Young Chung, Kim Duchossois, James Fitzgerald, Harold Gianopoulos, Jr., Kay Gillespie, Laurence Gott, Thomas Herb, David Hirsch, Robert Jensen, Jack Keenan, Andrew Kelleher, James Lancaster, Paula McCombie, David Nelson, Nancy Nemec, William Noyes, Marilyn Patrick, Glenn Reed, Gilbert Reich, Norval Stephens, Charles Sweet, David Waring, George Yapp*

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