

From Gratitude to ...

April 23, 2007

Dear Friends and Members of Walnut Hills

As we approach our eighteenth year at Walnut Hills, we invite you to take a moment to remember the past. Think back to that first Sunday in October of 1989. Walnut Hills was meeting in the gymnasium of an elementary school. Folding chairs, tables, and even plants were unloaded from a trailer for the service and loaded back up again. Adults were eager with anticipation of what might happen. And there were children. Children of people with a renewed vision of what their faith could bear.

Imagine in your mind's eye one of those children. Much like the church that began in that school gymnasium, that child's future was limitless. Her heart and soul were filled with hope and possibility, as were the hearts of all those in attendance that day. Since then, that child has grown up, and along with her, so has Walnut Hills. They both have faced opportunities and obstacles, triumphs and tribulations. But through it all, they have endured and prospered. And they've done it together.

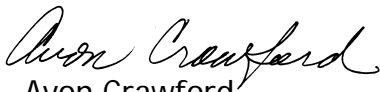
Now, almost eighteen years later, that child is a young adult on the verge of choosing a new future. She will soon assume the responsibilities of adulthood—self-sufficiency, leadership, humility, and justice. She will also begin to feel stirrings of gratitude to those who have nurtured and guided her. And as she moves into this new phase of self-discovery, so too is Walnut Hills moving into the next phase of life. A new chapter where the possibilities are as endless and exciting as the dreams of that once-small child.

We invite you to be a part of this next chapter. We will soon launch the 2007 Walnut Hills Capital Campaign. This campaign will give long-time members the opportunity to continue what was started on that Sunday in 1989. More recent members will have the opportunity to experience that same excitement and anticipation about our future.

In the coming week, you will receive a phone call that will provide you the opportunity to share in this moment. The attachment to this letter provides the details. For now, simply know that everything we do starts from gratitude. From gratitude to the past. From gratitude to the present. From gratitude to the future. From gratitude to... whatever can be imagined. It is ours to complete.

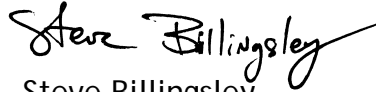
That child eagerly awaits her future. We look forward to your partnership in shaping ours.

Sincerely,



Avon Crawford
Co-Chair

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