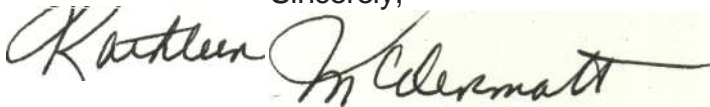


Finally, Seeds of Faith participates each year in the Chase Home Holiday Giving Tree. As a result of their generosity we are able to provide many holiday gifts for our residents.

Seeds of Faith Inc is a prime example of a grass roots effort from the community. The membership consists of a small group of individuals united by a huge commitment to making a positive different in the lives of others. I am constantly in awe of their boundless energy, their "can do" attitude and their generosity of spirit. Not only is this uplifting for our staff but I have seen the impact on our residents as they respond to the tremendous outpouring of caring and respect.

Seeds of Faith Inc. is a remarkable organization. They are well deserving of this grant and will use the funds to expand their mission of "extending a helping hand" to those in need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kathleen A. McDermott". The signature is written in a cursive style and is placed over a light yellow rectangular background.

Kathleen A. McDermott
Executive Director
The Chase Home for Children



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Lauren Wool
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Dear Ms. Wool:

This letter is to support the Seeds of Faith, Inc. grant application to the United Way Community Response Fund for Emerging Opportunities. I heartily endorse their request.

Members of Seeds of Faith have been a wonderful resource for the Chase Home for Children for over 4 years. Their enthusiasm; concern for the community; and, sustained commitment to sharing and giving are truly inspiring. As I have often said to them, I am running out of ways to say thank you for all the wonderful ways they support us.

The Seeds of Faith relationship with The Chase Home began with a volunteer painting and carpentry day and grew from there. We now look forward to two annual events - both of which call for a great deal of prior planning, organization and funding. Each event allows an opportunity for trust building between staff and residents through camaraderie and celebration which, in turn, enhances our effectiveness is working with these youth.

The first event is a Thanksgiving dinner for all our residents and staff and Board members. Seeds of Faith members arrive early morning with all the food for an absolutely outstanding turkey dinner beginning with an assortment of appetizers and ending with a variety of desserts. However, they do so much more than cook a meal. With beautiful dining room decorations and activities and prizes for the residents, the meal is transformed into a memorable experience for all.

The second annual event is "Summerfest" which has become the highlight of our summer program. Again, members of Seeds of Faith arrive with everything needed for all the activities. Two favorites among both staff and residents are beach volley ball and the dunking pool!

In addition, we have turned to Seeds of Faith for funding for special activities. Recently, they sponsored one youth of a group of Chase Home residents who attended a four day rock climbing camp during the April school vacation. Rock climbing helps build confidence and self esteem as the residents took on the challenges of each day. It also supports team building as they support each other in "getting to the top" and realize how much they can do to help each other.