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Greetings!

I hope this note finds you and your family well! If that is the case please look in on someone that isn't. There is no better time than right now to show the love of Christ to a friend in need or even better to a neighbor you don't know.

It's with great joy I am writing to tell you how much I have enjoyed the Managing Partner role these past 12 months with Barnabas Chicago. I can't say thank you enough to our team at the National Christian Foundation for all their help in the details of hosting one live event in February and then 3 virtual events over the summer. Thanks, is also due to the Ministries that presented and the awesome work they are doing. Last but not least to our Board, Partners and Participants, thank you for sharing your time and marketplace skills to further the kingdom through your work with all of the ministries that have presented over the past 10 years.

The reality of the current state of Barnabas Chicago is our membership has decreased steadily for the past 5 years to a point that, upon my start date, just a few partners along with the board were financially supporting our mission. That kind of participation is not enough financially to do what we do to engage partners to energize ministries. Even with a Managing Partner not receiving a stipend, there must be a village of at least 20 participants willing to vet ministries, prepare ministries, and help in hosting these events. Most importantly, we need the partners to open up their networks and invite that network to our events, and eventually financially engage to further our cause. It's no one person's fault as to why we are here, but it is time to recognize the situation we are in and accept it. In turn, our Board recently unanimously voted to suspend the operations of the Barnabas Chicago group and to end the affiliation agreement with the Barnabas group nationally on 12/31/2020.

Thank you all for everything you have done, and even more important for what you are doing, and what you will do to further show the love of Christ.

God Bless You,
Jeff Wallace
TBG-Chicago Managing Partner