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Dear Mayor Brian Hatch,

IMPACT Community Action Partnership (formerly Red Rock Area Community Action Program) is seeking your financial support for this fiscal year. IMPACT is a local organization that has been serving Marion County low-income residents since 1964. Though the name has changed from Red Rock Area Community Action Programs through the merger with local sister agency Des Moines Community Action Agency, we still provide the same excellent programs that help provide much needed basic services for our community.

The coming year will continue to be problematic for our low-income households. Families in Knoxville struggle to cope with the rising cost of food, utilities, and housing. This problem is only compounded with increasing medical, transportation, and child care costs. Over 472 households in Knoxville receive services from us – which are households that fall below the 150% Poverty Guideline. To meet those requirements, a family of 4 earned less than \$36,375 – or more drastically, a family of 1 earned less than \$17,655. Over 90% of the families we served have a job or receive a fixed income through Social Security, etc. However, this limited income was just simply not enough to make ends meet due to numerous situational and circumstantial barriers.

IMPACT helps relieve the financial burden of many basic needs. We offer programs that help families facing disconnection of utilities, emergency food shortages, and personal hygiene items. This past year, we also had funds to help with rent, transportation, and heating/cooling emergencies. This assistance helps create stronger families, which means a stronger community for all of us.

We are requesting a total of \$10,420.00, to help us continue these vital programs. This request is based on \$10 per person served in Knoxville for the past fiscal year. As a community-based program, we need your support.

Thank you again for your consideration of our request for support of IMPACT programs and services to the residents of Knoxville to meet their most basic needs.

Sincerely,

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