

September 27, 2017

Father Mike Arkins  
St. Eulalia Parish  
1845 S. 9th Avenue  
Maywood, IL 60153

Dear Fr. Mike,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Housing Forward, staff and donors, we would like to extend our deepest gratitude to you and the St. Eulalia family and staff for your compassion and kindness as we work through the reparations caused by the fire at Housing Forward.

We especially appreciate all who responded with our team in the early hours of Saturday morning and performed their jobs professionally and efficiently. Modesto Lopez continues to be a great source of support for us and we commend him for his availability and flexibility to our staff and clients as we moved into the Quinn Center, reorganized the space to allow our daytime Support Center to continue to serve the community and our staff to resume their duties.

St. Eulalia has had a pivotal role in our ability to transition people from housing crisis to housing stability. First as a former PADS Shelter site, and since 2007, leasing the space that houses our team and Support Center in Maywood. We have also been fortunate to have a congregational volunteer group that serves meals at a PADS Shelter site and St. Eulalia continues to support the community through your soup kitchen on Tuesday evenings.

We are eternally grateful for everything the church and community has done for us. And while we know that we may have struggles ahead of us, it is a great comfort to have the community's support on our side and know that when we return to our offices and Support Center, we will come back with the spirit of all those that have helped us through this challenging time. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

Sincerely,



Lynda Schueler  
Executive Director



Henry Fulkerson  
Board President