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Dear Friend of NEED,

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Directors to give you an update on the situation at NEED and to invite you to support NEED by joining the Society and making a donation to help us make the transition from what we have been to what we are becoming.

As you are most likely aware, the Vancouver Island Health Authority has chosen the Central Vancouver Island Crisis Society to deliver the consolidated, VIHA wide, crisis line service. This will be a centralized crisis line that will operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and serve all of VIHA. This means that NEED will not be offering a 24 Hour crisis line after June 30, 2010. We will work with Central Vancouver Island Crisis Society to make the transition to the new service as smooth as possible.

The Board and Society membership will have some important decisions to make regarding the future of NEED. We are hoping to have the opportunity to continue, and expand youthspace.ca, our on-line interactive service for youth and young adults (www.youthspace.ca) and our Community Education Program which includes Suicide Awareness for Youth and is expanding to include programs aimed at suicide awareness with seniors. These programs are at risk due to funding cuts, but it is our sincere hope that we will find a way to secure consistent funding for these vital programs. Both of these programs include volunteers as a core part of service delivery.

This upcoming year will be an extraordinarily challenging one for NEED as the entire not-for-profit sector struggles to keep vital programs viable. Your support is very important to the re-visioning of the agency at this time. With a strong membership, as well as a strong volunteer body, NEED's ongoing commitment to provide the community with consistent, high quality services will be supported. We have always welcomed donations but we would be particularly grateful at this time to receive whatever you might be able to give. You may donate by going on-line to www.needcrisis.bc.ca and click on "Donate", an option of choices on the red line near the top of the site or you could send us your cheque.

At our June AGM we will be presenting a new mission statement and a proposal for moving forward as we re-vision ourselves. If you would like a say in the future of this agency please consider becoming a member in the Society. Membership cost is \$15 and is tax deductible. We have enclosed a membership form for your convenience. Please return it with your payment and we will forward your tax receipt to you shortly, and continue to keep you updated on developments within the agency. You can also join at the upcoming Annual General Meeting in June, date and location to be announced in May.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joyalle Bunyan-Maynard", written in a cursive style.

Joyalle Bunyan-Maynard
Acting Executive Director