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Dear Donors:

Appalachian Outreach, Inc. (AOI) has good news to share with you. We have been accepted into the Neighborhood Investment Program (NIP) operated by the West Virginia Development Office for the tenth year.

For the state fiscal year 2016 (August 2015–June 2016), West Virginia legislators have set aside \$3 million in tax credits for NIP. These credits are disbursed through approved 501(c)(3) charitable organizations that serve needy residents and economically depressed areas of the state. **AOI has been awarded \$12,000 in tax credits to be distributed before June 30, 2016 to business and individuals.**

In the fourteen years since our inception, we have served 243,572 victims of poverty and disaster in 31 of West Virginia's 55 counties. We have also provided assistance to 700 families locally, and 85 individuals were aided last year with items from the AOI Storehouse.

To qualify for tax credits, an individual or business must donate a minimum of \$500 (consecutive smaller donations do not qualify) to a NIP-approved organization in order to receive a tax credit of up to 50% of the donated amount. **These credits can be used to reduce state corporate net income, business franchise, and personal income taxes.** The amount of the credit may be taken in one year or over a five-year period, beginning in the tax year in which the donation was made. Those using the January–December tax year may make a donation in 2015 and before June 2016 for the next tax year if credits are still available.

With combined federal and state tax savings, a contribution to AOI could have a much smaller net cost to you, make a larger impact on the less fortunate, and significantly reduce your tax liability.

Consider a \$1000 donation by a taxpayer in the 28% federal tax bracket:

- $\$1000 \times 28\% = \280 federal tax savings
 - $\$1000 \times 50\% = \underline{\$500}$ state tax savings
- \$780 total tax savings

Eligible contributions to AOI for NIP tax credits can be in the form of personal check, real estate, and/or publicly traded stock. Credits are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. The funds will be used to finance our deliveries to poverty- and disaster-stricken areas throughout the state. Donations for a NIP tax credit may be mailed to Appalachian Outreach, Inc., P.O. Box 233, Glen Dale, WV 26038. If you have any questions, please contact me at (304) 845-2762 or RHart1703@aol.com.

Together we can make a difference for those who need us most!

Rose Hart

Executive Director
Appalachian Outreach, Inc.

A copy of the latest financial statement, registration, and license is on file and may be obtained by contacting Appalachian Outreach, Inc., P.O. Box 233, Glen Dale, WV 26038 or by contacting the WV Secretary of State, State Capitol, Charleston, WV 25305; registration does not imply endorsement.

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