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Dear Friends:

As the old year draws to a close and a new one rapidly approaches, we pause to recollect and reflect. Thinking back over the events of 1975, we know we are because you cared! For this, we are especially thankful.

Close on the heels of the worst economic depression we had ever experienced came that disastrous fire almost totaling us out. Your prayers and concern kept us going. Offers of money, labor, space, and materials poured in; the survival fund drive, commencing on 12 February and ending 1 June 1975, brought in \$25,132.20. Imagine that!

In August the Bank of America (primarily through the efforts of Mr. George Whyte and Mr. Norman Longley) donated two modular buildings totalling 2700+ sq. feet to us. Because of hassles with permits, et cetera, we were not able to move the buildings to our high school campus until last week. Freeman-Songroth has graciously consented to provide the materials, manpower, and know-how for the buildings' concrete footings.

September found us with our largest elementary enrollment ever; 56 students, kindergarten through sixth grade. Our junior and senior high component had 27 students. This year several math-science clubs have emerged. Dr. Ben Darden of the S.J. State faculty volunteers several hours each week to this program. The high school moved back on campus in November. Student desks and a few other things are still needed; nevertheless, we're back home. Oh, what a beautiful feeling that is!

We're very excited about our proposed math-science laboratory. Located in one of the modular buildings, it should be in operation 1 February 1976. It will provide a facility where area junior and senior high students may be motivated and assisted in their quest for careers in the math and science fields. In light of the projected closing of Ravenswood High School next year, this facility becomes extremely important. Students, primarily from public schools, will be able to use the facility without charge from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. daily and from 9:45 to noon on Saturdays. Incidentally, we're looking for committed, qualified volunteers to help with the program. Interested?

In retrospect, this has not been a really bad year. We've overcome illnesses and operations, are in relatively good health, and are still fairly rational. Moreover, we're alive and here together on this ol' globe at this moment in time. The coming year will furnish us with a continuing opportunity to provide a viable, meaningful educational opportunity for East of Bayshore children. Again, our thanks to you for caring.

In the struggle,

Barbara A. Montoya

The Board of Directors and Staff

"...our children can learn!"