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Dear Friend of Dynamite,

### **FIFTY YEARS!**

For fifty years Dynamite Youth Center has been committed to helping adolescents and young adults turn their lives around in our program that is designed specifically for them. Once completed, our young people return to society as healthy, contributing members. Throughout these trying times, DYC has continued to focus and stay true to our mission with the endless help of our staff, parents, Board of Directors and Friends of Dynamite and, of course, our young members of our program.

### **BUILDING A BRIDGE**

On December 17<sup>th</sup>, the CDC issued a press release stating that “over 81,000 drug overdose deaths occurred in the United States in the 12 months ending in May 2020, the highest number of overdose deaths ever recorded in a 12-month period”.

While much of the world has changed and COVID has affected so many lives, DYC remains committed to saving the lives of young people. We are asking for your participation and support.

All of our in-person events have been cancelled, so for the next year we will be organizing a variety of virtual fundraising events with the theme of “Building a Bridge” to our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala in April 2022! We can’t wait to celebrate with you! With this idea in mind, in February we will be starting our virtual “Building a Bridge” Gratitude Journal.

### **THANK YOU**

We thank you for being a part of our community. We are very grateful for our friends who continually provide the encouragement and support that helps make us successful. It is our hope that you will please fill out the enclosed journal form with your personal message or business ad that will appear on the website for a year. Our members are urged to patronize our sponsors and your donation is tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

Our doors are open and will always be open to anyone that needs us and we will continue to provide the same quality services as we have for the past fifty years.

Stay safe,

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Journal Editor

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Chair, Board of Directors