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Dear Friend of Centre Greene.

This year Centre Greene passes two remarkable milestones and celebrates a dual anniversary. Sixty years ago the Unity Boys Club was established within the present building and the Club proudly unveiled its contribution to the Community. Subsequently re-named the Unity Boys and Girls Club, it became a focal point of the Rotary Club of Montreal's approach to helping children advance their lives through sports and planned activities. In 1989 the Rotary gave up its association and the local resident population, working with the City of Westmount, took possession of the building and Centre Greene was born. Today the Centre occupies a very important role within not only its immediate environs but also as a strategic facility for hundreds of families and individuals.

The building has withstood many tests of time and use and remains the Centre's activity location. It keeps adding new and diversified programmes for the changing needs and desires of a broad and diversified clientele. Our website offers a full list of our activities as well as the many special offerings by outside instructors. In combination these offerings provide a full complement of important activities for all age groups. We encourage you to visit us at www.centregreene.org

Centre Greene is dependent upon fundraising from individuals and foundations and we are critically aware of the many demands made upon all of us during these difficult times. The Centre operates with a minimum of full time staff (1) and several part time employees, and a very dedicated volunteer contingent of board members and friends. We maintain a budgeted approach to our expenses and adjust as revenues allow. We continue to offer all our in-house programmes on a sliding scale dependent upon the income levels of the families. We are first and foremost a not-for-profit charitable organization and rely upon your donation to keep our doors open and the Centre active.

The Board of Directors.