

July 25, 2018

Mr. Pieter Dearolf

The Idlewild Foundation

**Board Chairman** 

P.O. Box 1757

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Dear Pieter,

On behalf of myself, our founder Pastor Ken and our board, we want to thank TIF for your generous grant of \$100,000 toward the purchase of the 17 acres in Sulphur Springs. As I write this note, One More Child-Hope Street is two (2) weeks away from closing on this property and with TIF grant we are within \$63,000 of Hope Street's half of the land cost.

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We are very excited about our merger with One More Child. As was articulated Tuesday night, OMC has been around for over 114 years and their vision is to see one more child and their family come to know Jesus. Hope Street is perfectly aligned with their vision, and we know the OMC-HS campus in Sulphur Springs will be a light that shines bright for many years to come.

Upon purchasing the land, we have a lot of work ahead of us with site Plan Development, zoning and of course raising the funds to build the Compassion Center. God has gone before us and has guided us in every turn so that we can continue to spread the good news of the gospel in the inner city of Tampa.

We would never be able to even dream about an OMC-HS campus without first purchasing the land. TIF has been a very instrumental in helping us with the purchase of this property. Again, we are very grateful for the grant TIF has afforded Hope Street.

"Hope Begins Here"

Stewart Conner Hope Street Chairman

cc: John Campbell TIF Executive Director

Pastor Ken Whitten Founder Hope Street

Mike Smeaton Hope Street Vice Chairman

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