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Dear Business Owner/Grantor,

Wishing you peace and grace. As we approach the season of Easter, I wish to invite you to become a sponsor of a very special ministry we launched in December 2016 that is already benefiting many Latino families in the Kansas City area and will continue to grow in the coming years.

This program is called "*Familia de las Americas*", a method of Natural Family Planning that has shown great success globally, especially among Latino families, in achieving and postponing pregnancy. In fact, when used correctly its effectiveness for postponing pregnancy matches or surpasses all forms of contraception. This revolutionary program is grounded on the medical research of the Billings method, which teaches the couple to chart the observation of the woman's monthly cycle and gain confidence in and appreciation for their shared fertility. The result is a model of responsible and sustainable family planning, faithful to Church teaching, that is 100% natural-utilizing no harmful devices, chemicals, or pills.

In December 2016, we brought Dr. Mercedes Wilson and Dr. Pilar Calva, two of the world's leading experts in Natural Family Planning and bio-ethics, to Kansas City to train new instructors for our first local team in Spanish. It was an exciting moment to be sure! Today we have five couples and one doctor who are instructors in their practicum and have begun providing Spanish-language services to the community.

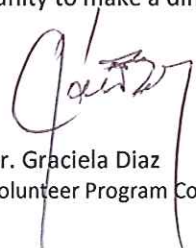
Couples or single ladies who desire to learn the method first attend one of the introductory sessions in Spanish that are offered throughout the core parishes with Hispanic ministry of the KC Metro area. Then, they choose an instructor to continue their follow-ups which take place every two weeks until the method is learned with confidence, usually within six months. If desired, the couple may choose to purchase supplemental materials –the book "*Amor y Fertilidad*" and the full graph- to aid them in learning the method, but it is not necessary, as the method may be successfully learned with only the simple 2-sided graph, supplied free of charge.

To ensure the successful launch of this project, we are reaching out to you for your partnership. Our goal for this first annual 'Appeal for Sponsors' is \$10,000 in donor support to be able to accomplish our threefold objective: 1) offer scholarships to new instructors, 2) continue ongoing formation with monthly trainings, 3) provide scholarships for supplemental materials to needy students to begin learning the method.

A sponsorship from you today makes this program a life-changing reality for many Latino families in our community. We are anticipating about thirty new couples to be enrolled as students by the end of this first year, and many more as our capacity grows in the coming years. Additionally, thousands of families are reached by our social media, posters, and website campaign by the Hispanic Ministry Office and Family Life Office of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. In gratitude, we recognize our sponsors with multiple levels of exposure in our media, banners, and our printed program during our "*Fiesta de Familias*" to be held in Fall 2017. Please see our "Sponsorship Commitment Form" to partner with us in this one-of-a-kind opportunity to make a difference in our community.

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