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Ms. Lee Pedro
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Dear Lee,

I am writing in response to your inquiry about the duration of the CHA's commitment to fund the Purple Hats Club.

As we have discussed on prior occasions, we appreciate the work you have been doing with the members of the Purple Hats Club. At the same time, our resources are limited and the CHA can not fund your work indefinitely. In our last conversation, in March of this year after your efforts to expand the program to Truman Apartments were unsuccessful, we committed an additional \$17,000, over and above the \$25,300 we had expended since the program's inception. It was our expectation that this would carry the program through October 31, 2009, which would constitute the end point of the CHA's financial commitment.

Our budget estimates last March were somewhat high, however, and that has given us the opportunity to extend our commitment beyond October 31. Actual expenditures for the program have averaged \$2,800/month. At that rate of expenditure, the currently expended funding will support the salary and program expenses of the Purple Hats Club through December 31, 2009.

The CHA will therefore continue to fund you as a part-time employee on an hourly basis for 20 hours per week at a rate of \$16.23 per hour through December 31, 2009. Additionally, CHA will fund up to \$6,000 (an average of \$1,500/month) for the cost of non-personnel costs through December 31, 2009.

We are pleased to be able to extend our financial commitment to the program for an additional two months and would encourage you to continue to see alternative funding for activities beyond that point. As always, I thank you for your work in support of our elder residents at Roosevelt Towers.

Sincerely,

Gregory Russ
Executive Director