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Christy J. Waltersdorff, Pastor

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Dear Mary,

It is with great joy that we celebrate the fourth anniversary of the York Community Resource Center in our church building. On behalf of the York Center Church of the Brethren congregation I share my appreciation for the dynamic programs and the extraordinary leadership of Mariela Soejarto and her assistants. It is amazing to watch the number of people who come in and out of the building for programs, meetings, parties, and education. We are blessed by the presence of Mariela and the resource center. We are grateful that our building can be a safe space for neighborhood children and their families.

For the past two summers our denomination has sponsored a senior high workcamp at the Resource Center. In 2008 forty-five people participated and in 2009 we hosted twenty-five. These teenagers and their leaders came from churches in several states to work with Mariela and the children. A highlight was chaperoning the children at the DuPage County Fair.

This past summer I had an intern who spent part of the day working with me and part of the day working with Mariela. It was a wonderful experience for this young woman, a college student from Indiana.

As I work in my office each afternoon I enjoy hearing the voices of the children downstairs. Personally, I am grateful for Mariela's leadership and friendship.

We look forward to many more years of this partnership and thank God for those who make it possible. May God bless you as you provide important leadership in DuPage County.

Sincerely,

Pastor Christy J. Waltersdorff

Cc: Mariela Soejarto
York Center Church of the Brethren Executive Committee

Continuing the work of Jesus...peacefully, simply, together.
