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Dear Councilmember Kearney:

Thank you for the City's continued partnership with YWCA. We are proud to share that our new shelter is now open and serving more residents fleeing domestic violence—providing critical safety and stability for families in crisis. So far this year, our Cincinnati shelter has served 568 individuals, 290 of which were children, and we expect that number to increase significantly next year with our increased capacity.

Since opening, we have identified several urgent needs to ensure the shelter remains safe, efficient, and welcoming for survivors and the community:

- **Enhanced security cameras**
- **Enhanced security doors**
- **Improved accessibility and space for community members**
- **Secure survivor supply storage**
- **Basement improvements**

To address these priorities, we respectfully request your consideration of **\$200,000 in capital funds**, should there be a carryover budget available. These improvements will not only strengthen safety and security but also reduce long-term operating costs—allowing us to serve more families effectively and sustainably.

Your past support has been instrumental in helping us provide emergency shelter and trauma-informed services to survivors of domestic violence. We hope you will join us in taking this next step to ensure their continued safety and dignity.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or for additional details. Thank you for your leadership and commitment to protecting our community's most vulnerable residents.

Sincerely,



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