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Mr. Andrew T. Martin Executive Director Salina Area United Way P.O. Box 335 128 N. Santa Fe, Suite 3A Salina, Kansas 67401

Dear Andy,

The purpose of this letter is to express gratitude to the Salina Area United Way (SAUW), its Board of Directors, volunteers, business and individual donors for funding our 2012 S.M.A.R.T. Community Improvement Grant Application. We understand that this generous gift of over \$14,000 of the Salina area community represents around 2% of the \$760,000 granted by the United Way to strengthen the Salina area community. In short, this gift is one of the largest local grants we received in 2012 and makes up 4.5% of our operating revenue.

Our grant application requested funding to improve financial stability for individuals in the Salina Area United Way and through such financial stability to help them achieve their full potential. Our organization staff, Board and volunteers are proud to partner with the United Way to create lasting change for the common good of all with meaningful and measurable results to improve lives and strengthen Salina area communities.

It is a well known fact that financial stability is critical to the education and health of a family. In 2009, Kansas Legal Services, Salina and SAUW agreed to work on a shared goal of increasing the financial stability of families in the Salina area. Our purpose is to work with individuals with their legal issues; to give advice and representation in court and through such work to help individuals and families become more economically self-sufficient.

In 2012, our measurable **S.M.A.R.T. Community Improvement Grant Goal** at Kansas Legal Services is to expand its client base to include a total of 255 people in consumer and family law cases.

In 2011, we exceeded our improvement goal of individuals served by 124%, this is 60 more individuals than specified in our S.M.A.R.T. goal. In 2011 we made significant progress toward achieving this goal by serving 305 individuals as of December 2011 in consumer and family law issues.

Thank you again for all United Way does to advance our community. We are proud to LIVE UNITED with Salina Area United Way, other funded partners, business and individual donors.

Sincerely,

Candace Bridgess
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