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January 8, 2010

Mr. Michael Hoffman
Hoffman Landscapes
647 Danbury Road
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Dear Mike,

I am writing to express my sincerest thanks once again to you and the Hoffman Landscapes crew for helping us with the *Hopes Lights Lives* luminary campaign. Your efforts on behalf of Center for HOPE and The Den for Grieving Kids are one of the main reasons this fundraiser continues to bring in over \$100,000 each year, even in a difficult economy. And, I can't say enough good things about Corinne. She's a gem.

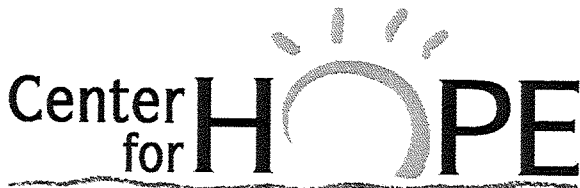
During the recent holidays as I interacted with our block captains, I heard of so many illnesses and losses to members of our community. It was very rewarding to know that the funds raised from luminaries would help to provide illness and bereavement counseling for the families and individuals who turned to us and that no one would be refused services because of financial concerns. Your participation helped to make this possible.

Later this month, we will have our wrap-up meeting to go over the event. I am waiting until we get all of the money and expenses tucked away, which should take a few more weeks. I look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,



Gloria Veeder
Director of Development



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Dear Block Captains,

Thank you for putting so much effort into the Hope Lights Lives luminary project. Your work was, without a doubt, greatly appreciated by everyone at The Den for Grieving Kids, including my mom and me. The Den has helped us so much. I can honestly say that if I hadn't gone to The Den, I would never be as comfortable as I am talking to people about the loss of my dad. Once again, thank you for all your help.

Sincerely,
Molly Hamilton, 13
Participant



January 2009

Mr. Mike Hoffman
Hoffman Landscapes
647 Danbury Road
Wilton, CT 06897

Dear Mike,

On behalf of the children and adults who receive our services, the staff of Center for HOPE and The Den for Grieving Kids, I want to thank you for volunteering as a Town Captain for the 2008 "Hope Lights Lives" luminary project. Your help with this fundraiser is vital to its success, and we greatly appreciate the use of your Stamford warehouse and your Wilton facility. It's a pleasure to work with Scott, Pete and Corrine who are always extremely accommodating.

The families and individuals who seek our help after the diagnosis of a critical illness or the death of a family member benefit greatly from your hard work and the important funding you helped to raise. We are proud of your accomplishments to support those who are facing some of life's most difficult challenges, and we greatly appreciate the extra effort that was expended due to the current economic climate.

Under separate cover, you will be receiving a \$50.00 gift certificate from Mitchells / Richards, the family run specialty store that has built its reputation on world class fashion and customer service. The Center for HOPE has partnered with Mitchells / Richards in the past, and we are delighted they are joining with us once more to celebrate your good work.

Again, please accept my heartfelt gratitude and truest wishes for the health and happiness of you and your family in this New Year.

Sincerely,

Deirdre Lewin, M.A.
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January 2008

Mike Hoffman
Hoffman Landscapes
647 Danbury Road
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Dear Mike,

On behalf of the Center for HOPE and The Den for Grieving Kids, I want to thank you for volunteering as a Block Captain for this year's "Hope Lights Lives" luminary project. With your help, thousands of luminary kits were sold throughout Darien, New Canaan, Norwalk, Greenwich, Rowayton, Stamford, Weston and Wilton, creating a magical *night of light* in our community.

The important funding you helped to raise will enable the Center for HOPE and The Den for Grieving Kids to maintain and expand their programs and services for adults and children who are living with a critical illness or grieving the death of a loved one. We are proud of your accomplishments on behalf of those who are facing these difficult challenges.

In appreciation of your volunteer efforts, the Darien Sport Shop is offering all of our Block Captains a \$50 discount, valid through April 26, 2008, on purchases of \$250. (See enclosed certificate). We are also delighted to announce that the Darien Sport Shop will partner again with the Center for HOPE this spring and will be providing the fashions for the Annual Luncheon & Fashion Show on Wednesday, May 21st as well as hosting a special shopping week, May 27-31, with 10% of the proceeds being donated to the Center for HOPE.

Again, my heartfelt gratitude and truest wishes for the health and happiness of you and your family in this New Year.

Sincerely,

Deirdre Lewin

Deirdre Lewin, M.A.
Director
Center for HOPE/The Den for Grieving Kids

*The luminaries would
lose their glow without
Hoffman Landscapes.
Many Thanks,
Gloria*

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January 2, 2007

Mike Hoffman
Hoffman Landscapes
647 Danbury Road
Wilton, CT 06897

Dear Mike,

On behalf of the Center for Hope, I want to thank you for participating in this year's "Hope Lights Lives" luminary project. With your help, thousands of luminary kits were sold throughout Darien, New Canaan, Norwalk, Greenwich, Rowayton, Stamford, Weston and Wilton, creating a magical "Night of Light."

Because of the efforts of our dedicated town captains, important funds were raised for the Center's programs and services, while increasing awareness of the Center's mission to help adults and children who are facing a chronic illness or the loss of a loved one.

Please accept this \$100 gift certificate, which has been generously donated by Mitchells of Westport/ Richards of Greenwich, as our heartfelt thank you for a job well done.

I wish you and your family a wonderful year in 2007.

Sincerely,



Jan Dilenschneider
Chairman

Center for HOPE

December 15, 2004

Mr. Mike Hoffman
647 Danbury Road
Wilton, CT 06897

Dear Mike:

On behalf of the Center for Hope, I would like to personally extend a heartfelt thank you for all your help with this year's HOPE LIGHTS LIVES® Luminary Project. We had an absolutely beautiful night on Sunday, and luminaries were aglow in all the towns.

Through the strong support of each of you, our Town Chairs, this year's program generated luminary sales and donations totaling over \$150,000. As you may know, proceeds from the luminary sales ensure that all those who come seeking help at the Center will receive illness or bereavement counseling, regardless of their ability to pay. Because of your commitment and dedication, the Luminary Project was able to raise valuable funds for this important cause.

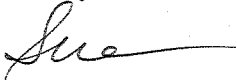
As you know, we are recognizing all of the town's luminary block captains in the local newspapers this week, and have also sent each block captain a thank you letter from the Center along with a complementary \$50.00 Gift Certificate redeemable at Mitchells of Westport/ Richards of Greenwich, generously donated by Mitchells.

Pat, Gloria and I felt it only appropriate to recognize your efforts and the efforts of the other Town Chairs, as you are the key leaders of the 2004 Luminary Project and spearheaded its success. Enclosed please find a \$100.00 Gift Certificate redeemable at Mitchells of Westport/Richards of Greenwich. We hope you can use this certificate toward something special for yourself or someone in your family. The Gift Certificate expires on January 31st, so hurry in to redeem the Certificate.

On a more personal note, it has been a great experience working with many of you over the last three years on this ever-expanding luminary experience. Each of you has contributed to the growth of this magical night in so many ways, and I will miss working with all of you. I'll think of you in San Diego, and hope many of you will continue to support this special event. If any of you have interest in taking on a greater luminary role, or know of someone who might be interested, please contact Gloria Veeder.

Once again, congratulations on a fantastic accomplishment this year, and thanks for all your contributions on this very worthwhile project. Luminary night is a special night for all participating neighborhoods, and you are the ones that make it all possible.

Fondly,



Sue Hoffmeister
Luminary Town Coordinator

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Mike
What can I say
Thank you so much for
taking on the Town Chair.
It was a great success due
to your efforts.
Sue

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October 14, 2004

Mr. Mike Hoffman
Hoffman Landscapes
647 Danbury Road
Wilton, CT 06897

Dear Mike:

On behalf of the Center for Hope, I am writing to tell you how delighted we are that you will be the Town Chair in Wilton for our '04 "Hope Lights Lives" luminary project.

As it has grown throughout the years, the luminary project has become an increasingly important source of revenue for the Center. Last year we netted nearly \$175,000. All of the proceeds go to providing programs and services for adults and children in this area who are facing a life-threatening illness or grieving a death and coping with the related trauma.

We are so pleased to have you participating with us again, and we look forward to a very successful luminary season.

Sincerely,



Pat Wright, MSW, LCSW
Executive Director

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January 20, 2003

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Dear Mike -

As you know, this year's Hope
lights lives project was a huge success!
And it would not have been without
you. To say "thank you" seems so
small compared to what you have
contributed.

We are indebted to you not
only for making your warehouse
available, but for your own personal
time.

We wish you and your family
good health and peace this year.

Sincerely,

Mara Napione

Greg D. Lester

Center for HOPE

January 12, 2001

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Dear Mike,


For the third year the collective efforts of many Wiltonians helped support the Center for Hope by illuminating over 75 Wilton neighborhoods on December 24th with over 21,000 lights; almost doubling our sales from last year.

We are writing to thank you for being one of our major sponsors of this year's "Hope Lights Lives" Campaign and donating not only the use of your site for assembly and storage, but also the many man hours needed to help us complete this ambitious project. As we have told many people, we couldn't have done this event without you! Thank you for always saying yes to any request we asked and going above and beyond the call especially on assembly day. Your sponsorship has helped us underwrite the costs of this project and enabled more profits to go directly towards services.

During this past holiday season when our thoughts center around our blessings, helping others, and being with our family and friends, it was wonderful to be a part of a united effort that created a silent community of light, peace and hope.

Thank you again for helping "Hope Lights Lives".

Sincerely yours,



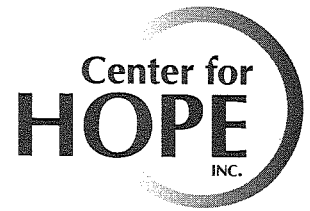
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Leslie Raemdonck
Co-Chairman

P.S. We are enclosing the thank you card which was enclosed in all 1700 luminary kits we distributed.

This is your receipt for tax purposes. Since no goods or services were provided to you in exchange for your gift, the entire amount is tax-deductible.



December 9, 1999

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Mr. Mike Hoffman
Hoffman Landscape Services
647 Danbury Road
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Dear Mr. Hoffman:

Thank you for playing such a wonderful part of our Luminaries project in Darien this year and your community of Wilton. You are so good to us!

Your contribution of allowing the use of your building for the kit assembly contributes to the success of this wonderful event and creates a beautiful evening. We are very touched by the stories we hear of candles being lit in honor of someone fighting illness or in memory of a loved one and rejoice that lighting the luminaries brings so many neighborhoods together.

This year we are inviting our clients and friends to come to the Center and participate in lighting the luminaries here and/or to stop by for a cup of cheer. We'll have the punch bowl out until at least seven so if you can stop by we would love to have you.

Thank you again for helping "Hope Lights Lives".

Sincerely,

Judith Ulrich, M. A.
Executive Director

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