

**“Seek the shalom of the city where I have sent you, for in its shalom, you will find your shalom.”**

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Friends of the Zone,

I am writing to you with a heavy and hopeful heart. For the past ten years the Deaf Shalom Zone has been financially supported primarily by one major donor, a generosity that we cannot express appropriate gratitude for. Unfortunately, that funder needs to focus money in other areas and our funding support will be drastically decreased almost eliminated, this year. If we do not raise those funds on our own, we will have to make severe changes and most likely cut staff.

If you have received this message you have been touched by the life changing ministry of the Deaf Shalom Zone at one time or another. If you are a volunteer that has held the hand of a Deaf-Blind individual while they waited for the results of an AIDS/ HIV test you have been touched by the Deaf Shalom Zone and helped the Zone to touch others. If you are a volunteer that has visited an isolated, elderly, Deaf individual, living alone in a nursing home, you have been touched by the Deaf Shalom Zone and helped the Zone to touch others. If you are a participant from Hands On Mission Experience and you helped repair the home of a Deaf individual, living in extreme poverty, in the center of Baltimore City, you have been touched by the Deaf Shalom Zone and have helped the Zone to touch others. If you are a client who has received free tax services, food, computer access and education, transportation, benefits acquisition, employment services, immigration services, or a multitude of other basic human services, you have been touched by the Deaf Shalom Zone and have helped the Zone to touch others.

The Deaf Shalom Zone needs to raise \$120,000. Even though this news is daunting and scary, I am confident that with your help we can rise to meet this challenge. Here is how:

We ask that you will be in prayer about signing-up for a monthly donation of \$10. If enough of us give up two coffees a month we can sustain the mission and ministry of the Deaf Shalom Zone, Inc. Please also consider asking your friends, tell them about your own personal experiences with the Deaf Shalom Zone. Our goal is to recruit 400 people to sign-up! With your help, we can do it!

To sign up for the monthly donation please visit [www.deafshalomzone.org](http://www.deafshalomzone.org) and click “donate now”

Sincerely,

Mary B. Gladstone-Highland

