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To whom it may concern:

Burdick Custom Homes will help families facing homelessness by donating the net profits from the home they are building at 3827 Smithson Ridge to SAMMinistries. **Burdick Custom Homes** has selected SAMMinistries as a beneficiary of the proceeds of this beautifully built custom home that sits atop a breath-taking view in San Antonio's Hill Country. We are writing to ask you to consider joining **Burdick Custom Homes** in helping keep San Antonio families from entering homelessness.

Over the past 30 years, support from the community has helped us keep 15,000 San Antonians in their homes with our Homeless Prevention Services. Burdick Custom Homes intends to help even more families by donating the net profits from their home at 3827 Smithson Ridge to SAMMinistries.

This gift will support families in crisis throughout San Antonio. On average, SAMMinistries receives 500 calls per week in search of assistance with rent or utilities. Unfortunately we are not able to support the needs of all these families, however, 95% of the families we do help remain out of homelessness. With your help, we can effectively serve even more families in need, like Adrian.

Often the people we serve do not have savings, making it very difficult for them to recover from emergency situations. It is also typical that they lack an extended family structure to lean on in times of need. This was true for our recent Homeless Prevention Services client, Adrian. Adrian is a single father and provider for a disabled teenager. He missed a great deal of work during June and July while caring for his son. He exhausted all of his vacation and Family and Medical Leave Act time but still needed to take more time without pay to care for his son. Unfortunately, his savings could not handle the missed paychecks causing Adrian to be unable to pay his rent. SAMMinistries stepped in to assist Adrian with his August rent as well as his CPS energy bill. Since that time, Adrian has begun a new job with a better schedule that allows him the flexibility that is needed to care for his disabled son. Because of SAMMinistries, Adrian and his son received the help they needed to avoid homelessness.

Adrian's story is repeated time and again, by hundreds of San Antonio families who need a one-time hand-up in order to thrive as a family. With your help, Burdick Custom Homes would like to provide this hand-up to as many families as possible.

We are deeply grateful for any and all support you can provide to the Burdick Custom Homes team. All net profits from the home at 3827 Smithson Ridge will help San Antonio families overcome homelessness through SAMMinistries programs.

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HELP

HOMELESS PREVENTION

Keeping families who are at risk of homelessness in their homes

It costs, on average, \$700 to keep a family from entering homelessness.

Through your support we have kept 15,000 San Antonians in their homes.

95% of all families helped through SAMMinistries Homeless Prevention Services never enter homelessness.

HOME

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Helping families transition to their own permanent homes

Through our Transitional Living and Learning Center and scattered site homes, we can house 65 families while they transition to self-sufficiency.

85% of families served by Transitional Services exit to self-sufficient, permanent housing.

SAMM's 2-year transitional program costs, on average, \$40,000 per family.

HOPE

HOMELESS SERVICES

Offering hope through donations, workforce development and education assistance at Haven for Hope

Non-traditional students have non-traditional education expenses. Our education assistance program supports incidentals that might derail a person's path to education.

SAMM's On the Job Training program allows transitioning individuals the opportunity to work at SAMMinistries' facilities to learn career skills.

3-YEAR HELP, HOPE & HOME CAMPAIGN

By 2015, SAMMinistries plans to raise \$8 million in support from community partners to continue serving San Antonio families in need. This sustainability campaign will ensure the viability of SAMMinistries' programs for years to come.



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OVERCOMING HOMELESSNESS

30 YEARS OF SERVICE
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