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Mr. John Allen Chalk
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Cookville, Tennessee 38501

Dear Brother Chalk:

A decision was made approximately two years ago by the brethren to build a children's home here in the Midwest. Although the church is relatively strong, there is not a home for homeless children located in either Ohio or West Virginia.

During the last few years literally thousands of children have been placed in Catholic or denominational homes who could have been raised Christians if such a home as planned had been in existence.

The Midwestern Children's Home Board of Trustees has been working diligently for the past two years toward establishing such a home. Plans have been made to provide the necessary facilities to eventually accommodate over 300 children on a beautiful plot of land located twenty-five miles northeast of Cincinnati.

The Midwestern Children's Home Board has decided to form an Advisory Board composed of outstanding men in the Midwest area and in some cases other areas of the nation where men have nation-wide influence. This will allow the Board to keep these key men informed in detail concerning the progress of the home and use their own influence toward making this home what it should be.

At the request of the Board, we are asking you to accept a position on the Advisory Board of the Midwestern Children's Home. You will not be under any obligation except to help us as you are able with your time and influence. We realize you are a very busy person and have heavy demands on your time, but we earnestly urge you to accept such a position and let us know at your convenience that you will do so.

We will need a small passport photograph of you as we intend to publish a roster of the entire Advisory Board in the near future.
A meeting of the Advisory Board will be called for Saturday, May 28, which we hope you can attend. However, you are certainly under no obligation to do so. The meeting will be held on the campus of the Home. You will be notified later concerning the details.

You will be happy to know we are immediately launching a campaign to raise $250,000 needed to build the first three units of the home, which will include the necessary paving, a water and sewer system, and operational cost for the first period of the home. From all indications the campaign should be very successful.

Yours in Christ,

Ed Hartman
President