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Hello Anuj,

How are you doing? I was excited to hear from Emily Dahlkamp that you and your volunteers will be catering a meal at the shelter this month and would like to follow up with you about another upcoming opportunity that may be of interest to Sant Nirankari Mission. We are honored to once again be a beneficiary of Fannie Mae's Annual Help the Homeless Walkathon. In 2007, Fannie Mae's walks raised over \$7 million, one hundred percent of which came to organizations that work to help prevent and end homelessness, including our non-profit. Over 1,000 Northern Virginia community walkers helped raise nearly \$70,000.00 specifically for RI, allowing us to provide shelter and permanent housing for over 600 people. This fantastic outcome was made possible by the support of local individuals and organizations. On behalf of Kerrie Wilson, CEO, I would like to share three key ways for you to walk alongside RI in our community this year

- **Join us at RI's 5th Annual Community Walk for the Homeless** on Sunday, October 19, at 2:00 pm. Together we will walk from the Embry Rucker Community Shelter to St. Anne's Episcopal Church, and back to the shelter. The walk is approximately two miles long, and will include family-friendly educational activities at St. Anne's about the issue of homelessness. The RI Community Walk is an ideal way for you to show support for ending homelessness in Fairfax County.
- **Organize or sponsor a youth-focused mini-walk** between September 2 and November 8. Interested groups work closely with RI to coordinate logistics, including assigning an adult coordinator who will act as the program liaison and information contact person to assist in supervising the mini-walk program (involving 30 minutes of physical activity) on the organization's property. At each mini-walk, a RI staff member will present facts about and solutions for homelessness in our community to the children participating. These walks provide an excellent opportunity for youth to engage on critical community issues, and recognize their ability to make a positive impact.
- **Attend the 21st Annual Fannie Mae Help the Homeless Walkathon**, in Washington D.C. on November 22. You can support RI by designating us as your beneficiary organization (code VA035). To learn more about the national walk and Fannie Mae's initiative, please visit helpthehomelessdc.org.

Registration fees for all walks are \$15.00 for youth (age 25 and younger) and \$25.00 for adults. Also, all participants will receive free Fannie Mae Help the Homeless T-shirts. For more information, please visit restoninterfaith.org.

Please help us reach our goal of 1,500 participants this year. I hope that you will join us in these fun and valuable community efforts to prevent homelessness and help our neighbors in need. I would be happy to answer any questions you have about the walk opportunities, so feel free to call or email me at your convenience. Thank you again for your leadership and interest in helping our neighbors in need!

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****Get local kids prepared for back to school by donating a backpack to Reston Interfaith and Kids R First. [Click here](#) for information on community drop-off sites.****

****Time to practice your 3 point shot—Freddie Mac's Hoops for the Homeless is taking place on September 13, 2008 at the Verizon Center ! [Click here](#) to learn about the upcoming pep rally and how to receive free tickets.****