



December 2, 2013

Dear Friend of the Deaconess,

As we look forward this coming year to our 125th anniversary, we celebrate the Deaconess' rich heritage and long history as a community-focused, mission-driven organization that continues to touch countless lives. This year, we were once again blessed to be able to provide for those in need in numerous ways because of generous donors like you. **I invite you today to be a partner with us in continuing that mission with a gift to the Deaconess' Annual Appeal.**

In the months to come we will face a number of changes and challenges in how health care and wellness-related services are offered in this country – a challenge that we are prepared to meet with your help. Over its 125-year history the Deaconess has experienced all the challenges our country has faced and through it all we have served thousands of people with dignity and honor because of the generous support and dedication of many people who see the impact their donation has in the lives of those we serve.

This year we are asking that you consider a gift to **The Deaconess' overall mission** or a designated gift to:

- ❖ **The Rivercrest Rehab Fund** to support our efforts to update and improve resident rooms at Rivercrest where we are providing highly-rated quality short-term rehabilitation and long-term care; and/or
- ❖ **The Deaconess Spiritual Life Fund** to ensure our ability to provide financial support for Spiritual Life programming.

Please fill out the enclosed reply envelope and send it today knowing that your gift will truly make a difference. Thank you in advance for your tax-deductible donation to the Deaconess. Best wishes for a joyous holiday season and many blessings in the New Year!

With sincere appreciation,

Rev. Herb Taylor
President and CEO

Chris Sintros
Newbury Court Executive Director

*P. S. A gift of \$750 or more will be recognized on our **Giving Tree**. For more information about the Giving Tree, or on becoming a member of the **Deaconess Legacy Society** by remembering the Deaconess in your will or creating a Deaconess charitable gift annuity, contact Dorene Glynn, Director of Development at 978-402-8270 or dglynn@nedeaconess.org.*

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