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Dear Church Leader,

As the Chair of Trustees for Eden's Project, I'm writing to you, a valued supporter of Eden's, with an urgent appeal to please share with your leadership team for your church giving and with your church attendees.

I write this personally as someone who attended Eden's as a young Christian. This significantly positively impacted my faith and relationship with Christ. I consider it a privilege to give back by supporting Eden's as Chair of Trustees alongside other amazing and faithful trustees.

Over the past 25 years, Eden's has provided a haven for young people to grow and flourish. Stuart and Jude have faithfully served Eden's for 21 years, supported by other staff and volunteers; many from local churches.

We have always relied on God's provision through the generosity of individuals, churches, grants and trusts to function. Sadly, we have seen a decline in the amount and size of grants being awarded. This has left us in a very precarious position which could see the work of Eden's running out of finances as soon as March 2025. As a 'live by faith' charity, we are regularly navigating financial storms which test and grow our faith. We are only coming to you now as we want to be good stewards of the resources we have been given and we believe that the work of Eden's is not done. We would love you to be a part of God's amazing provision!

Over the years we've seen God's miraculous financial provision including the purchase of the Youth Centre buildings (44 and 45 Gainsborough Street) and carry out essential repairs.

We continue to trust in God's faithfulness to supply the financial resources needed for Eden's to fulfil our vision of providing a safe place for young people which includes:

- Tuesday and Thursday drop ins where young people have fun, free food, warm space and youthworkers to support their needs e.g. homework support, listening service, etc
- Wednesday space for isolated home educated youths to form friendships and receive wellbeing support
- Friday night youth centre where we see between 30-70 young people per session where they can safely socialise (rather than being out in the town where they are at risk of becoming victims or perpetrators of anti-social behaviour and/or crime)
- Sunday (fortnightly) Christian Youth Café to encourage Christian young people in their faith and help them build fellowship with young people from other churches
- We have a Christian counsellor who runs wellbeing sessions as part of our other sessions to make Eden's a place where young people feel heard and are supported through difficulties
- Evangelistic events where the gospel message is shared

The social impact of caring for young people in our community, some of whom are vulnerable, by being God's hands and feet is increasingly important during these difficult times.

We're in the position of needing urgent financial support to be able to continue and ask you to consider giving a one-off gift or setting up/increasing a standing order to ensure we continue to reach out to and support the young people of Sudbury and the wider community.

Yours in Christ,

Matthew Hunt
Chair of Trustees

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