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Dear MVUT Supporter:

Thank you for your recent contribution to MVUT. This has been a really tough year for us financially. We've run a deficit all year as the County Executive has taken us out of the County's budget. We need the support from members and friends such as you now more than ever.

Despite the lack of County funding, we've still done incredible things:

- * We were the lone non-NYC organization in the *Real Rent Reform* (R3) campaign that got our state rent laws renewed and strengthened !
The first time in nearly twenty (20) years when the laws weren't weakened !
- * Stopped over 150 evictions !
- * Successfully rehoused over twenty (20+) individuals/families!
- * Helped organize eighteen (18) building tenant associations!
- * Secured free, quality used furniture for over sixty (60+) families!
- * Participated in various coalitions (locally, countywide, regional, statewide) that resulted in improved public policy - most recently as a lead organization on the local campaign for extension of the state's "millionaire's tax".

We're working hard right now on a number of fronts:

- As a lead organizer in the *Hudson Valley Coalition For A Fair Economy*.
- Fighting for restoration of funds for the *Neighborhood Preservation Program* (MVUT's largest funding source).
- Participating with the *R3 Campaign* to strengthen the State's Rent Laws.
- Working with the *Westchester Non-Profit Housing Coalition* to ensure Westchester County's compliance with the historic "Settlement" for 750 "Fair and Affordable" units.
- Preparing for the upcoming (late Spring) *Westchester Rent Guidelines Board Hearings*.

We're working non-stop to keep tenants' housing safe, dignified and affordable!!

You have helped enable us to carry on this work. Thank You ! To do even more, we'd ask that you encourage your neighbors to support us as well.

Sincerely,



Dennis Hanratty
Executive Director