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**Dear Hope Happening Community,**

As Autumn is now upon us, this beautiful change of seasons brings the cooler breezes, vibrant colors and everything “pumpkin” from lattes to muffins, to décor. As the trees shed their leaves in preparation for a new season of life, it is a beautiful reminder that even when things seem to “fall away” in our lives it is all in anticipation for the beautiful new season God is bringing.

Last week at our annual Fall Fundraiser, we were blessed to celebrate all God has done this year at Possibilities! What an inspiration it was to hear Jenny’s story: a young lady who came to Possibilities 4 years ago afraid and alone, and is now a confident and nurturing mother to her son Kalibur. How beautiful it has been to see her fear “fall away” as she blossoms in this new season of life! THANK YOU for your vital role in sharing hope and attributing value to her, and so many others that walk through the doors of Possibilities every day.

As the dust settles from *A Night of Music*, we are excitedly awaiting the final count of donations with anticipation to meet our goal of raising \$17,000 to sponsor 40 new clients in 2019. Stay tuned for an update in next month’s newsletter! The success of this fundraiser is owed in huge part to so many generous local businesses, churches and individuals who stepped up to be keynote or table sponsors this year. Their generosity inspires and blesses us – while freeing up 100% of the funds raised at *A Night of Music* to go directly into sustaining and developing programs at Possibilities!

One of these programs, our free STD testing, has seen much increase in recent months. We are grateful for the opportunities to engage in dialogue about abstinence, the risks of a sexually promiscuous lifestyle, the probability of contracting or transmitting STD’s, as well as the importance of making healthy choices in life now that will set each client up for success in the future. We are optimistic that with our brand-new websites *up and running* this summer, some of the increase we are seeing is coming directly from traffic on the client website!

Speaking of our new websites, have you had a chance to explore them yet? If not, we welcome you to pull up a chair with a pumpkin spice latte in-hand, and enjoy the online community made for you at: [www.hopehappening.com](http://www.hopehappening.com). Also feel free to visit: [www.findmypossibilities.com](http://www.findmypossibilities.com) (*Client Website*).



All of this reminds me of how we can entrust the mission of Possibilities, and our everyday lives, to God. Despite life’s changes and challenges, He faithfully works through and in the midst of every story to make all things beautiful in His time. He is faithful! May you experience His faithfulness and sovereignty in special ways this autumn season!

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