**SAMPLE LETTER – INVITATION TO DONATE**

Dear,

I am writing to ask you to consider helping me with a significant opportunity. Recently, I was accepted to participate in a *Transforming Community*, a retreat-based spiritual formation experience with nine quarterly retreats. The Transforming Center exists to guide pastors, leaders, and influencers, in establishing sacred rhythms to sustain their life in leadership. This opportunity speaks to my longing to forge a greater connection with God that leads to a stronger connection between my soul and my leadership.

You can read more about the *Transforming Community* experience by checking out the following link located on the Transforming Center (TC) website:

[www.transformingcenter.org/tc](http://www.transformingcenter.org/tc)

I would like to invite you to consider supporting me for my community experience. I am hoping to raise $7,176 so I can join the next *Transforming Community* beginning in February of 2019. In addition to a commitment of time, *Transforming Community* is also a financial investment. Because of the comprehensive nature of this program and the fact that it spans over two years, there is a significant cost associated with a *Transforming Community* experience. The fees include everything you need for each individual retreat: lodging and meals, retreat materials, six teaching sessions, eight worship/prayer services, spiritual guidance for your solitude times, and group spiritual direction.

Would you consider helping me participate in a Transforming Community? If 15 people gave a monthly gift of only $20 for 2 years I would be fully funded.  Of course, a one-time gift of $250 would be a tremendous boost for my fundraising efforts!  But a gift of any size would be appreciated. My goal is to have the full amount raised by February 1.

**To donate online**, please go to <https://transformingcenter.kindful.com/tc/>

Thank you in advance for your willingness to prayerfully consider this invitation. Know that I will be forever grateful for your assistance in beginning a journey that will strengthen the soul of my leadership and contribute to long-term sustainability in ministry.

With gratitude,

*On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul. Psalm 138:3*