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Dear Friends,

As Executive Director of The Mockingbird Society, my job is to ensure that we remain laser-focused on building a world-class foster care system. We will know we have achieved our goal when children, youth, and families in the system have what they need, not only to survive but to thrive.

The 2010 annual report demonstrates that we have made significant strides toward empowering young people and improving the system. We have built powerful coalitions with other advocacy and child welfare organizations; we generated public support for every child’s right to a safe and secure home; and we developed leadership and employment readiness skills for hundreds of young people impacted by the foster care system. The Mockingbird Youth Network, working in concert with our newly established Public Policy & Communications program, successfully advocated for safe housing for foster youth and alumni of care, kinship care and homeless youth. Our work also resulted in policies that strengthen sibling relationships and kinship care. The Mockingbird Family Model — a new way of structuring foster care — continues to demonstrate that an extended family model of support improves safety, stability and outcomes.

These programs — described in the 2010 report — truly are a testament to the power of strong philanthropic and community support, borne of a shared vision that these are OUR children, and that we must renew our resolve to build promising futures for young people who reflect our brightest hopes.

With tremendous gratitude,

Jim Theofelis, M.C.
Executive Director

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**2010 Financial Statement**

**Revenue by Funding Source**

- Private grants: $1,949,000
- Program/Service: $256,563
- Special events: $150,237
- Contributions: $36,939
- Interest income: $24,848
- In-kind income: $7,459
- Other income/gain: ($11,788)

**Total Revenue:** $2,362,258

**Expenses**

- Public Policy & Communications: $329,458
- Mockingbird Youth Network: $768,643
- Mockingbird Family Model: $305,203
- Management & General: $232,838
- Fundraising: $254,179

**Total Expenses:** $1,890,321

**Net Change in Assets:** $417,937

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