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By Susan LaPierre, President Board of Trustees

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Dr. Gary L. Jones Chief Executive Officer

Mr. Cecil Pruitt
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Dear Cecil,

As a master of the industrial development business, you no doubt have a finely tuned appreciation for what it takes to build a masterpiece: careful engineering, the steel and concrete to hold up the structure and give it its foundation, and the design that gives the completed building its "heart and soul."

In the same spirit, we at Youth For Tomorrow are so blessed that you have generously helped engineer and construct this truly special masterpiece—a home for children in crisis, a place that provides a strong foundation for a new life. Indeed, your selfless generosity year upon year, since the earliest days of Youth For Tomorrow, has been the heart and soul of this organization.

I especially thank you for being such an important art of the 2017 Heart 2 Heart Gala. Your generosity and compassion touched every corner of this event: by serving at the highest levels of leadership with your extremely generous Diamond Sponsorship and, most of all, for your absolutely astounding, incredible surprise gift of \$1 million to the Bid Appeal. "Thank you" is simply too small an expression to convey how full my heart is and how grateful I am to you.

During her acceptance of the "In a Heartbeat Award" at the gala, Taya Kyle, widow of former Navy Seal and "American Sniper" Chris Kyle, spoke about the blessings from God that arise even in—and *especially* in—the midst of unspeakable difficulty. "There is beauty in the ashes," she said. Then, personally addressing the YFT kids in the audience, she said: "We will be the beauty for you in the ashes of your life." She noted that God's grace and love are reflected through good friends like you who show up, give generously and care for these deserving children.

What you are doing is nothing short of making miracles happen here on earth for kids who most desperately need them. In this season of the heart, please know how much your heart for kids has truly touched *my* heart.

With deepest appreciation,

Susan LaPierre

President, Board of Trustees

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