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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

*Four generations of our family have enjoyed the outdoors at Mount Ascutney. The vibe and culture of Ascutney Outdoors is our favorite experience here on the mountain. We love what you are doing. Keep it up. Thank you.” – a note from a local family*

Our mission is to connect members of our community through outdoor recreation and events. For some, this means hiking and biking, affordable skiing or tubing. For others, it’s school programs, social gatherings, and special events. From everyone, we hear pride in what’s been accomplished since the dark days of the old burned-down lodge.

As a non-profit organization, we **rely on the financial contributions from donors like you** to maintain our breadth of activities as well as our facilities, particularly the Ascutney Outdoors Center. Your support is what sustains us and allows us to promote health and wellness, foster a wholesome and active outlet for our children, and bring vitality to our community.

We continue to make good progress within our organization. Last year, we began the process of adding part-time staff, which is key to our **long-term stability and sustainability**. Now it’s time to hire a paid Executive Director. This individual will take the burden off Glenn and Shelley, who have dedicated hours upon hours, pro-bono, for many years. Thankfully, Glenn and Shelley plan to continue their active involvement!

That being said, an Executive Director will increase our staff expense by about \$60,000. Last year, we exceeded our annual fund drive goal of \$50,000. Our goal for this year is to raise \$100,000. We ask if **you would consider increasing your gift this year to meet our new challenge**. If interested in learning more, our annual financial report can be found on our website at [www.ascutneyoutdoors.com/donate](http://www.ascutneyoutdoors.com/donate).

**Every gift makes a real difference.** Donations to Ascutney Outdoors can be made by **check in the enclosed envelope or online at the above link**. Also, if you know someone new to town, please let them know about how important it is to support the community through Ascutney Outdoors.

Thank you so much for your generosity and continued support.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve C.", is positioned above the name of the chair.

Steve C, Chair