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Ms. Phyllis Rich
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Dear Ms. Rich:

Sometimes people tend to take social services programs for granted and treat them as if they'll always be there and available for them. From my viewpoint, providing feedback to the program directors addresses two important factors that assure the program's continued existence.

First, it provides those individuals involved in the day to day operation of the program with feedback at a personal level that lets them know that their program is effective, valuable, and appreciated. Second, it allows the program to grow and improve based on the input they receive from the participants.

My experience with the Divorce Recovery Program offered by the Princeton Church of Christ was a very positive one from a number of perspectives. Initially, I came to the Church of Christ meetings for several reasons. I needed help, there wasn't a fee, which was very important at the time, and I needed to be in a setting where issues relevant to me were being discussed.

Taking the first step was difficult for me since I am Jewish and realized I would be in a Christian setting. None of my fears about being in an alien religious setting ever came close to being realized because of the way the program was run. The issues discussed were ones of relationships and relationships ending, not of religion. It wasn't long before I began to feel very comfortable with the group.

Not only did I begin to realize that there were others out there with similar feelings and experiences, I also began to realize that things that I contributed were helping the others too. Being able to attend the group meetings helped me work through a difficult emotional and financial period that I was going through.

I'm glad to hear the program is going strong. I believe that it provides an extremely valuable personal and community service. I have recommended it to others going through separation and divorce anytime I have a chance to do so.

I know that the program has been well attended. I believe that the attendance would be even larger if it had greater exposure.

I never did get a chance to thank you for the help the program provided. I really appreciated what it did for me and I wish you continued success with its operation.

Sincerely,

David
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