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Dear Beloved Stewards, Members and Friends:

First, I'd like to thank you for continuing to honor your commitment by supporting the Center this year. You have created a great financial base to meet many of our monthly expenses. Thank you!

As some of you are aware, we embarked upon two major projects this summer. The first was to become more eco-friendly and environmentally responsible by changing our landscape to what's known as "desertscape." This project was approved by the Board but not budgeted for this year. I have a clear recollection of what took place with the interior renovations we did a few years ago. We moved ahead and completed the project, knowing you would support the effort and you did. I have faith this will be supported in the same way. In June we created Dr. Tom's "Circle of Love" memorial, the proceeds of which were earmarked to pay off the new landscape as well as the expenses in expanding our new Youth & Young Adult program. The total for these two projects was approximately \$75,000.

The idea behind the Circle wasn't just to honor Dr. Tom, which many have so lovingly, but also for you to have the ability to put a loved one's name in the circle as well. Some have commented that they have chosen to put family members, friends, parents and even pets so they can "touch" them when they feel the need to on Sundays. As I write this, we still have 115 bricks available.

And even more good news! We're bursting at the seams! Our name change to the Center for Spiritual Living – Palm Desert, was much more than simply moving words around – it's been a key component in our expansion! New faces are showing up every Sunday and the best news.... they keep coming back! It also happened on the International level in July – RSI (Religious Science International) is now the International Centers for Spiritual Living... and our Center led the movement!

If you've been there on Sunday you've seen the transformation of the exterior landscape and our expansion of the patio. You've also noticed that we've grown from a non-existent teen group to 20 teens and from an average of 12 children to 35 at Sunday services. Obviously, it's all unfolding perfectly! More importantly, the spiritual growth that has taken place among those attending the Center and Youth Center is truly a testimony to our commitment to change lives.

We also have another fund raising activity which will be a night to remember. Our Casino

