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Dear Dancer:

An old friend needs your help. This friend is the Concord Scout House, an independent non-profit organization, run by a volunteer board. We are fortunate to have this hall, with its beautiful wood floor, lofty spaciousness, large windows and timber-framed charm in the center of a classic New England town.

Good dance halls are a precious and increasingly scarce resource. For example, this coming year the Cambridge VFW hall is expected to be sold, affecting three large weekly dances: the Thursday Night NEFFA Contra Dance, the Friday Swing Dance, and the Wednesday Evening Tango. The reason in part that the local VFW post is giving up control of their hall is that they are having trouble maintaining the building. What would it be like to lose the joy of visiting and dancing at the Scout House too?

This year, two major projects and several minor repairs consumed about \$45,000 of the Concord Scout House's modest building fund. A long timber-frame post on the east wall, running from foundation to roof was found to be rotting and was replaced with a custom fitted antique post from Canada. Separately, a lead paint removal and certification effort to the outside of the building was accomplished to comply with current safety standards and regulations for the "Barn" daycare center in the basement.

We need your help to replenish the Concord Scout House building fund, so that the challenges of maintaining this 18th century building can be met promptly in the future. We hope to raise \$45,000, and more, from all users of the building.

To launch the Scout House building campaign, a local dance association, the Country Dance Society, Boston Centre, pledged \$5,000, hoping to encourage individual dancers like you to give generously.

The Scout House can recognize your donation of \$1,000 or more with an engraved brass plate on the Scout House Honor Roll. Or you can name a group, or perhaps a fondly remembered leader, friend or family member. The Honor Roll will be displayed near the entrance of the hall. Please see the form provided.

With your contribution, you will join the community of hundreds of people who made it possible for the building to be there when you first walked up its steps to a dance. Please consider passing this legacy along to others who walk up its steps in the future.

Every contribution helps, no matter how small.

Yours sincerely,

Lisa Greenleaf
Board Member, Concord Scout House

Mark Jones
Board Member, Concord Scout House



The Concord Scout House Building Fund

Donations to this fund will maintain and preserve the Concord Scout House building.

Enclosed is my donation:

\$3,000* \$1,000* \$500 \$300 \$150 _____

Donor name : _____

Address : _____

*Donations of \$1,000 or more may honor, remember or recognize a special person, leader, teacher or group on the Scout House Honor plaque.

Please recognize: _____

Make checks payable to: **Concord Scout House, Inc.**

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