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Dear valued friend of HCP,

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with deep gratitude for your ongoing support. HCP has been able to build on the progress we made last year, expanding our programs and continuing to offer meaningful experiences for students, artists, and the wider community.

Our mission to make photography accessible to people of all skill levels remains at the heart of everything we do. From first-time photographers to seasoned professionals, our classes have empowered people to deepen their creative practice, broaden their understanding of photography, and connect with others in a meaningful way.

We also continued to grow our community engagement efforts. Our partnerships with local schools have expanded, and through programs like the Girls' Own Story, we've brought hands-on visual arts education to over 1,400 students in grades K-12. It has been incredibly rewarding to see how our initiatives with nearly 40 community partners are inspiring young minds to explore photography and creative expression.

As we look ahead to the future, our focus remains on expanding our scholarship fund and ensuring our programs remain accessible to a broader range of students. We are also committed to continuing our outreach efforts, enabling more people—no matter their background or location— to take part in our photography programs. And, of course, we will keep bringing engaging exhibitions to Houston, showcasing powerful and thought-provoking work that sparks conversation and connection.

Your contribution to our Annual Fund ensures the continued growth of our <u>Education</u>, <u>Engagement</u>, and <u>Exhibitions</u> programming. Every donation, no matter the size, makes a lasting impact—supporting the educational initiatives, community engagement, and diverse exhibitions that inspire and educate through the art of photography. Your generosity makes it all possible.

Thank you for being such an important part of our journey. Your support means the world to us, and together, we are shaping a brighter future for HCP and for the people we serve.

With heartfelt thanks,

Anne Leighton Massoni Executive Director

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