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Dear Supporter,

**1968** was a momentous year. We saw the debut of 60 minutes on CBS. Fighting in Vietnam became more fierce and protests more vocal. The summer of love was waning as riots broke out at the Democratic Convention in Chicago. Led Zeppelin arrived on the scene. Nixon was elected. And we lost two national leaders to assassination: Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King.

It was also the year that Gilead Community Services was founded.

With the support of the University, two Wesleyan Students secured a house near the Wesleyan campus. There they lived with individuals who were recently released from Connecticut Valley Hospital, and helped them adjust to life in the community. The need for residential mental health care continues today, and the original Gilead House still serves as a home for eight of our Gilead clients.

But after 50 years, that building, now known as our Gilead One (GI) Program, needs refurbishing and updating to continue to provide a safe and inviting home for our clients. In a fitting 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary tribute to the home that gave us our start, we'd like to give something back to the place that has given so much to so many over the past 50 years.

A group of Gilead's donors\* have pledged \$25,000 in a matching campaign to help us renovate and rehabilitate this venerable old home. This pool of funds will double the effect of every dollar that you donate.

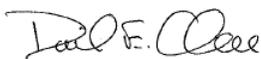
Your help with this historic project is your vote of support for Gilead's ongoing legacy of meeting the individual needs of those struggling with mental illness. With your contribution, you become part of something much greater than any of us could ever do alone.

You may contribute to our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary campaign with your check, credit card, or securities transfer, through June 30 of this year. You may also donate by going online to [www.gileadcs.org](http://www.gileadcs.org) and click on the Matching Campaign logo.

Fifty years after it all started for Gilead, we still find ourselves in a confusing and confounding world. We are still dealing with the challenges of adequately meeting the needs of those struggling with mental illness. But in those five decades Gilead has grown, and helped thousands of individuals find stability and belonging in our community, just like the original members of Gilead House.

Thank you for your continued support. You make a difference in the lives of individuals who need it most. And in doing so, you build a stronger community for all of us.

Sincerely,



Daniel E. Osborne  
Chief Executive Officer

*\*We are grateful to the following dedicated supporters who have agreed to match your donation dollar for dollar up to \$25,000: Dan & Kyle Osborne; David & Gail Porteus; Cathy & Bob Boone; Stu & Amy Forman; Newington Electric; Barry Simon & Sue Silverman; Fran Ludwig; Jane McMillan; Suzanne & John Gaskell; James & Lisa Kaveney; and Mark Ludwig.*

