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23 December 2003

Mr. Jeff Kersten
Director of Budget and Strategic Planning
College Station, TX 77840

Dear Jeff:

The Arts Council of Brazos Valley is our community's agency charged with the responsibility of bringing arts and culture to our residents. It is because of the assistance and support we receive from College Station that we have experienced phenomenal success and been able to lay a solid foundation for the future. Indeed, we are honored that the College Station City Council has entrusted us to serve as the City's agent for enhancing the quality of life for our citizens.

We have completed the construction of the arts center and must settle all debts. During the planning of our arts center we did not contemplate that some pledges of financial support would not be kept or would be paid over a multi-year plan. Now we must address a funding necessity of \$250,000.00. In order to maintain the integrity of our mission we must settle these construction expenses.

Would you please be so kind as to share this urgent need and request with the City Council and Manager? Our council members have ensured that the Arts Council provides a stellar public art program, underwriting support to 37 affiliates and an arts center unrivalled for a community of our size. We value our relationship and look forward to a wonderful future blessed with arts and culture.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. David Romei", is written over a long, thin horizontal line that extends across the width of the page.

P. David Romei, Ph.D.
Executive Director