

January 1, 2006

Dear Mercy Associates, Sisters and Co-Ministers,

We have completed Phase VI and VII funding period with 97 applications for renewal for a total of \$338,465. Through all seven phases so far, Mercy Partner's have been able to "walk with" 185 students for total awards of \$1,104,416. Thank you to the 48 Sisters and 9 Mercy Associates who have been walking with our applicants, giving valuable time and interest in assisting these individuals as they enhance their lives by pursuing essential education.

We are pleased to begin Phase VIII of Mercy Education ... Walking Forward Together, but please note that there is a major change in effect. In order to honor our commitments to those students still progressing through their education, only applications for renewal will be accepted in Phases VIII and IX. New applications can no longer be accepted. Revised renewal and evaluation forms are enclosed.

The following are deadline dates for the remaining two phases:

Deadline, Phase VIII February 15, 2006

Deadline, Phase XI August 15, 2006

Renewals can be requested for amounts up to, but not exceeding the original amount of scholarship awarded.

Please take the time to study this material, and contact a committee member with any further questions. Feel free to duplicate and use the enclosed forms. These forms can also be accessed through our website www.mercycincinnati.org, or you may request renewal and evaluation forms by contacting

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Thank: you for your tremendous support in this project! It is indeed wonderful to hear the many stories of persons whose education was made possible and whose lives were impacted through our involvement and concern. We continue to look forward to "walking together."

In Jesus and Catherine,

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