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To: ACF Board of Trustees
From: Rebecca Harrington, Governance Committee Chair
Date: June 21, 2022
Re: Variance Power – Robert G. and Gwendolyn Cameron Charitable Endowment Fund

The above-referenced fund is an estate fund that was established in 2006, revised in 2010, and began making grant distributions in 2016. The donor, Ms. Gwendolyn Cameron, is deceased. The fund includes two automatic distributions for the Salvation Army USA, one to the national organization, and the other to the New Mexico Chapter.

In 2021, the grant check for the distribution to the national organization was returned for the first time to the Foundation. Staff research proved that the Salvation Army does not have a national headquarters that is set up to receive funds and advises donors to contribute directly to their local Salvation Army chapter. Previous distributions were made to Salvation Army USA to the address listed in Guidestar, with a memo directing the distribution to be used for Salvation Army USA.

The Foundation attempts to direct distributions to local chapters when the donor does not specify. The Governance Committee unanimously moves the Board of Trustees to use its variance power to approve the request to designate both distributions from the Robert G. Gwendolyn Cameron Charitable Endowment Fund to the local New Mexico Chapter of the Salvation Army.