

Mediation & Restorative Services

Creating Peaceful Solutions

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May 4, 2021

Mayor Robert Nelson
1301 81st Ave NE
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

Dear Mayor Nelson,

MARS is looking forward to 2021 and continuing our work with you!

I am sure you hear from your residents every day: the vast emotional highs and lows that arrived with the COVID-19 pandemic. For many, these uncertain times bring a plethora of emotions not knowing where to turn to and that's why **Mediation and Restorative Services** is so proud to face these challenges in partnership with the generous cities within Anoka County.

With your continued support, **Mediation and Restorative Services** will be able to stay focused on assisting the people of your city with housing issues by offering pre-eviction mediation, restorative services for youth and shared parenting, and community mediations. Our goal aligns with yours in building productive and peaceful communities.

Your past generosity is so appreciated, especially by your residents who have learned to thrive under stressful circumstances since 1987. Our low cost-no cost services decrease expenditures for cities so that they may:

1. Avoid the use of more expensive public safety and legal resources
2. Create more accessible means for residents to resolve their own conflicts
3. Assist both landlords and tenants to increase housing stability; and
4. Divert juveniles to restorative justice solutions that increases community safety.

Our collaboration has a mutual benefit, we enrich our community's quality of life while saving valuable public dollars.

Enclosed is the **Mediation and Restorative Services'** 2021 invoice for mediation and restorative services. Last year proved to be a demanding and this year promises to be no different. With your critical financial support for our nonprofit, we can remain focused on tempering the anxiety of so many of your residents, lessening the demand on your staff and public safety resources all while educating the community on conflict resolution.

Once again, thank you for our partnership. Our staff and volunteers at MARS are dedicated and excited to work for the residents in your community.

Sincerely,



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INVOICE

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City of Spring Lake Park
1301 81st Ave. NE
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Description of Services:

Mediation and Restorative Services 2021 direct dispute resolution services, referrals and community education.

Amount to be paid: \$761.09

Due upon receipt.

Thank you for contributing to peaceful resolutions in Anoka County!