Dear Friends,

Addressing large scale community issues such as homelessness, child abuse and neglect, mental illness or substance misuse, requires the coordinated effort of our entire community. Here at The Opportunity Alliance, our goals for the future include strategies that will help us bring together and build relationships with all of our community partners so that together we can have the greatest possible impact on the neighborhoods where we all live, work, and raise our children.

Our neighborhoods face many challenges; diminished community resources, communication difficulties between multi-ethnic and cultural populations, and a lack of affordable housing to name a few. One might see a future that is isolated and bleak yet, despite these challenges, our neighborhoods are home to thousands of individuals and families who are resilient, courageous, and hopeful about the future. You’ll read a few of their stories here in our Annual Report.

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Inspired by these individuals and families, we have focused a great deal of our energy on work in and with neighborhoods. While the majority of our programs continue to address the many consequences of poverty in our communities, we are also addressing the challenges mentioned above by fostering resident led community building. Through this work we have seen that neighborhoods can stabilize residency, promote self-advocacy and determination, and build individual and community capacity.

None of this work would be possible without our most important community partner: you. You have steadfastly come through for the people who need our help, and we are overjoyed at your generosity. We simply can’t thank you -- our friends, our partners, our neighbors -- enough. We look forward to your continued support as we work to meet the evolving needs of the community.

Yours,

Michael J. Tarpinian
President and Chief Executive Officer
To view a more detailed accounting of our revenue and expenses for fiscal year 2016, please see the financial documents posted on our website: www.opportunityalliance.org