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Dear Friends of The Mill:

As the colors of fall begin to fade, the change of seasons serves as a reminder to bring in the harvest and prepare for winter. During this time of change and gratitude, we wanted to take a moment to let you know about the exciting year that has passed and all we've experienced.

This past year was one of accomplishment for both our young organization and for this wonderful National Historic Landmark. To give you a sampling of our successes:

- We implemented a portion of our master plan by completing some much needed improvements to our driveway and entrance;
- At our wonderful Fall Party and Auction, we raised more than \$6,500 to begin restoring all of the 18th century windows in the mill back to their original luster;
- Through a grant from the Russell P. Heuer and Elizabeth C. Heuer Foundation and the hard work of many volunteers, we installed a new floor in the mill. This is the first phase of a new, hands-on *How Things Work Learning Lab* that will be completed in the summer 2012.

Each year, we reach out to you and other special friends seeking your partnership as stewards of this National Historic Landmark. Since 1998, The Mill has been helping to preserve a critical and rapidly disappearing part of our country's history and highly valued open space. As a nationally significant cultural asset, we provide a much needed respite from daily living, while enhancing the quality of life for our community and visitors through our historic and natural resources. Our Anselma Farmers' and Artisans' Market provides fresh, local, and nutritional produce to our community. Our organization sustains our economy through sales at our gift shop and with the relationships we have built with many local businesses that provide us with services for our continued success and growth.

We are very excited about the accomplishments and our unique role in the community. We hope you will consider making a tax-deductible gift of **\$50, \$75, \$100 - or whatever you can** - to help us to continue to provide educational programming for students and families, preserve the mill's rare wooden gears, and launch exciting new initiatives like the learning lab that will add new dimensions of understanding for all our visitors.

Your partnership has been invaluable toward preserving and maintaining our historic buildings and 22 acres of fields, forests, and wetlands. We look forward to developing The Mill's rich history and role as a community center, bringing together friends, neighbors, and visitors to celebrate our nation's past and its future.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our request. This is a place we hold dear and we hope that it holds a special place in your life as well.

With warm regards,
Charles C. Jordan
Chair, Board of Trustees

Gwyn W. Rowland
Executive Director

P.S. We hope you'll make a special year-end donation so we can continue to preserve and protect this nationally-significant historic site for generations to come. Thanks for your help!