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Dear South Fellowship Family,

At Christmas, we reflect on the incredible word, "advent". We begin the season in darkness and reflect on the entrance of God's wonderful light. The entrance of the divine into the world to live our story; the good parts, and the not-so-good parts. It is a time where we recognize God's incredible generosity in giving the most valuable gift, Jesus. As a community, we are thankful for your generosity. We have spent the last year navigating pastoral transition, hiring new staff, and continuing to navigate a pandemic that has lasted longer than most of us expected. Throughout all of this, I have been continually and joyfully surprised by our health as a community. God has used your generosity in some incredible ways. In 2021, we are celebrating that South:

- Baptized 15 people into the way of Jesus
- Welcomed 400+ people to our Glow-in-the-Dark Easter Egg Hunt
- Saw nearly 100 South members serve in our First Mile initiative
- Sent an exploratory team to Guatemala to begin a new mission partnership
- Shared our content around 100,000 times across YouTube and our sermon podcast
- Founded new teams to care for Afghan refugees in Sheridan
- Redeveloped 6510 to allow space for our local community to use the space
- Welcomed countless new people into our community

I could go on and on! We have witnessed the impact of a community living in the way of Jesus with the heart of Jesus in so many ways.

As you might know, December is one of our biggest giving months of the year. We typically receive gifts amounting to around \$60,000 more than we do in an average month. This helps us in two ways. We get to end the year well (we are currently around \$65,000 behind our year-long giving plan) and we get to start the new year strong, which is especially important as January and February are typically lower than our average.

We would love to ask if you would prayerfully consider South Fellowship as you plan your year-end giving. Your generosity puts us in a great position to activate South's vision for Littleton, Denver Metro, and the world. Would you help us get ready to meet what God has for us in the future? Financial gifts can be given at any of our weekend gatherings, in the South Fellowship App, or online at southfellowship.org/give.

Thank you again for your extravagant generosity. We are on an exciting journey together!

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