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Dear Friends of Les Passees,

The support from local businesses is vital to our community. Your generous contributions enable local charities to make a difference now and for the future. I ask you to support the vision of Les Passees, the oldest women's non-profit organization in Memphis. We have actively been serving our community for over 110 years.

Last year, because of business generosity and our member's dedication and work, we were able to award grants to the Madonna Learning Center, Neighborhood Christian Centers and Multinational Memphis. We chose these recipients after receiving numerous grant applications and carefully reviewing each application to ensure their goals aligned with our organization's mission. Each program we chose was dedicated to children and their families. We will continue this grant process again in 2024.

Since 1991 we have also funded Les Passees Kids on the Block, a national program of professionally trained puppeteers who perform skits that are age appropriate for specific audiences. These puppeteers educate children in our community (often in a school setting) with performances that address bullying, conflict resolution, saying no to drugs, healthy eating habits, gun safety, good hygiene and mental health issues. They actively write new scripts and adapt to the ever-changing needs and dangers faced by today's children.

We offer several levels of support for 2024 including:

- Sponsorship
- In-Kind donations
- Advertisements in the 2024 Les Passees Stock Exchange magazine (available at the LPSE location and various other locations in our community and surrounding areas)

Supporters of Les Passees are recognized at our well-known annual fundraiser, Les Passees Stock Exchange. This upscale consignment store is open from August to October. We welcome over 150,000 shoppers each year and receive consignments from a database of upwards of 5,000 individuals. The members of Les Passees donate significant amounts of their time and talent during this season to make this event a repeat success. With you and your financial support, we can make a difference to the future of our community.

Thank you,

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