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Dear Troop Leadership and Mr. Andrews:

After 40 years as the Chartered Organization for Boy Scouts of America, Northern Star Council (the "Council") Chaska Troop 589 ("Troop 589" or the "Troop"), Troop 589 leadership advised the Jonathan Association Board of Directors (the "Board") that it would find a new Chartered Organization. We attach for the Council's review a copy of the Troop's June 12, 2013 letter formally advising the Association of the Troop Committee's decision.

The Association has long enjoyed its relationship with Troop 589, and is honored that it is able to claim a part of Troop 589's rich heritage. We have also come to the realization and acceptance that it is no longer appropriate for the Association to remain a Chartered Organization within the Scouting program overall. There are a number of reasons behind the Board's conclusion, as pointed out by the Troop in its kind letter to us on June 12, 2013.

Timing of Termination of Chartered Organization Status: Although the current timeframe for this transition is imprecise, we understand Troop 589 leadership is actively seeking a new Chartered Organization; and that circumstances may facilitate the Troop's transition to a new Chartered Organization before the expiration of the current Chartered Organization Agreement between the Association and the Council on December 31, 2013. Should this happen prior to December 31, 2013, the Association will agree to terminate its Annual Chartered Organization

Agreement early. Should this not happen, the Association intends to let its current Chartered Organization Agreement expire as scheduled. As the Association's relationship with the Council will end no later than December 31, 2013, we expect the transfer of assets must occur prior to December 31, 2013.

Transfer of Troop Assets: With regard to the "transition of equipment, insurance coverage, etc.," the Association has looked a bit deeper into this issue.

To begin, it appears that the Association is equivalent to a "Unit" as that term is used in the BSA Bylaws, the BSA Rules and Regulations and the Council Bylaws. As we read these documents, we understand that on the lapse of the Association's Charter, the Association has the obligation to (a) pay off any indebtedness, and then (b) turn over any surplus to the local council. This applies to the "funds and property" of the Unit.

Over the years, the Association/Troop has amassed an array of physical assets, cared for and maintained by the Troop Leadership, and which many Troop 589 scouts have enjoyed. We request they prepare a full current "detailed and itemized inventory" (tents, camping gear, trailers, etc.) with cross-referenced digital photos, and share it with us and the Council. It should also provide us (and the Council) with copies of the last three months of bank statements for any accounts Troop Leadership uses for Troop purposes. After receipt of that inventory, the assets will be made available for the Council, which will serve as the Association's "turnover of any surplus to the local council." The Association intends to cede the assets back to the Council, so we request the Council appoint a representative to be physically present and to facilitate the transfer of assets when it occurs.

How to Allocate Assets: It appears to the Association that Troop 589 will move, *en masse*, to another Chartered Organization. If that occurs, it would seem the Council would simply transfer all of the Association/Troop assets to the new Chartered Organization.

That written, the Association cannot predict the future. We must also allow for the possibility that, for example, 40% of the boys in Troop 589 continue in scouting and form a new troop, 40% maintain the "identity" (or at least name) of Chaska Troop 589 with a new Chartered Organization, and 20% stop their involvement with Scouting altogether.

We expect and understand that the Northern Star Council would have the experience, authority, and resources to address the fair reallocation of "Troop assets" should significant numbers of current Troop 589 scouts remain active in Scouting, but disperse among two or more troops. At a minimum, the Council has more knowledge on this topic than the Association.

Because of this, the Association elects to transfer all of the "Association/Troop 589 Assets" to the Council immediately upon termination of its Charter Agreement. We leave it to the Council to allocate these assets as it sees fit. Accordingly, the Jonathan Association is requesting a "detailed and itemized inventory" not simply so that the Association may close its own books,

but to assist the Council with any allocation that may be required. Specifically, we request that Troop 589 Leadership prepare a "detailed and itemized inventory" of Troop assets and submit it to the Association's Board no later than October 1, 2013.

Our Board's consensus is that this "detailed and itemized inventory" is an approach that is fair, can work, and leaves the ultimate responsibility of transferring assets (including decision making authority, if needed) in experienced hands.

Should there be specific logistical questions with regard to the identification ("detailed and itemized inventory") and transferring of assets, the Association proposes that a representative of the Council contact the Jonathan Association via email (jonathan@jonathaninchaska.com) or meet face to face with the Association Board at the next monthly meeting, scheduled for September 10, 2013 in the Council Chamber of Chaska City Hall.

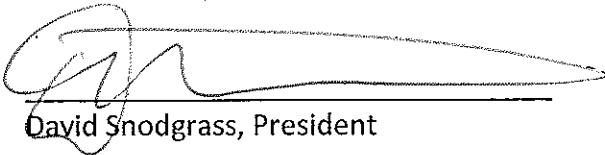
In closing, it has been the Association's honor and privilege to be a Chartered Organization for the last forty years. We have been fortunate to see, literally, generations of scouts grow and prosper in much the same way our community has.

Thank you for making the lives of the Association and its members richer for the experience.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors of The Jonathan Association, Inc.

By:



David Snodgrass, President

8.21.2013



The Jonathan Association
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Dear Jonathan Association Board,

Chaska BSA Troop 589 seeks a change in Chartered Sponsor Organization. During our Committee meeting on May 29, 2013, a decision was made to seek a new Chartered Sponsor Organization due to the following reasons:

1. Jonathan is unable to provide an adequate physical building which can facilitate the regular meetings and other activities for Troop 589.
2. Jonathan is no longer home to a clear majority of Troop 589 Scouts and Adult leaders; indeed, a significant and growing portion of Troop 589 members now reside outside the community boundaries of Jonathan ~ and maybe even Chaska as well.
3. Jonathan is unable to provide a storage facility for Troop 589 camping equipment and Troop trailers.
4. Jonathan is unable to provide a location(s) for Troop 589 aluminum can recycling collection bins.
5. Jonathan is unable to guarantee that it can maintain, much less increase, its current or past level of financial support for Troop 589 equipment and activities going forward into the future.

We request a smooth transition of equipment, insurance coverage, etc. with regard to the new/next charter organization for Chaska Troop 589 before the 12/31/2013 expiration of the current charter agreement between Troop 589 and the Jonathan Association. I will inform you in the next several months of our new Chartered Organization and the process of this transfer.

Troop 589 has truly enjoyed the 40 year relationship with our Charter Organization, the Jonathan Association. The adult leadership of Troop 589 wants to recognize Nate Bostrom for his passion and support of Troop 589, both his and the Jonathan Association's sponsorship will surely be missed.

Yours in Scouting,

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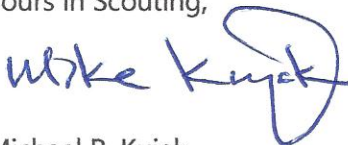
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PRESS RELEASE – June 14, 2013

The Chaska Boy Scout Troop 589 has announced that it is in the process of seeking a new charter sponsor organization, a transferal which will become effective on or before the expiration of its current charter relationship with the Jonathan Association on 12-31-2013.

The Jonathan Association has been the charter organization for Chaska Boy Scout Troop 589 for nearly 40 years, one of the longest-running such scouting relationships on record in the state of Minnesota. Troop 589 is a member of the Lake Minnetonka District of the Northern Star Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

"Troop 589 has truly enjoyed the 40-year relationship with the Jonathan Association," said Mike Kujak, Troop 589 Committee Chair. "The adult leadership of Troop 589 wants to also to recognize Nate Bostrom for his passion and support; both his and the Association's sponsorship will surely be missed."

In 2011, the Jonathan Association was named "Outstanding Charter Partner" by the Lake Minnetonka District for its efforts on behalf of Troop 589. The Association has purchased camping equipment, made the Lake Grace Pavilion available as an occasional event location and limited storage area, and hosts an annual hog roast picnic for the Troop members.

Over the last four years, Jonathan has recognized more than 80 members of Troop 589 with Seedling Awards in recognition of volunteer service given on behalf of the Association's homeowners. During that same time Troop 589 has had more Eagle Scouts, more Grey Wolf participants, and more completed Wood Badge ticketed adult leaders than during any other comparable period in its 39-year history.

"Troop 589 has enjoyed our relationship with Jonathan, especially in recent years," said Greg Hammer, Troop 589 Scoutmaster. "As a 20-year resident of Jonathan I am grateful to the homeowners, the Board members, and our Charter Representative Nate Bostrom."

The Scout Troop identified a number of reasons for the decision to change charter sponsors, including Jonathan's lack of physical facilities for regular weekly Troop meetings, equipment

and trailer storage, and lack of effective locations for aluminum recycling collection bins. Another issue of concern was the changing demographics of Troop membership.

"Jonathan is no longer home to a clear majority of Troop 589 Scouts and leaders," said Kujak. "Indeed, an increasing portion of our membership now comes from outside of Jonathan, and maybe even outside of Chaska as well."

Both Kujak and Hammer have noted that currently a significant number of the Scouts in Troop 589 reside in Victoria, Chanhassen and Eden Prairie.

The change in charter sponsor affiliation will have at least one significant impact upon Jonathan homeowners. In 2011 the Association and Troop 589 commenced partnership efforts to complete a renovation of the Pavilion at Lake Grace, a project dubbed a "BHAG" (big hairy audacious goal").

"Over the coming months the Board of Directors will need to evaluate the overall purpose of the Pavilion and re-think its strategy concerning this facility," observed Jonathan Association President David Snodgrass. "If the 'BHAG' approach is affirmed, then it will be necessary for the Board to identify new funding sources for the Pavilion's restoration."

The current charter sponsorship agreement between Jonathan and Troop 589 runs through December 31, 2013. Leaders from both organizations have pledged to work together so as to ensure a smooth transition. "After all is said and done the bottom line purpose for our efforts never changes," said Kujak. "It's all about the Scouts."

Snodgrass agrees, adding "through these next few transitional months Jonathan will continue to support Troop 589 in every way possible, and thus demonstrate the Association's ongoing commitment to community."

SEEDLING AWARDS RECIPIENTS - BSA TROOP 589 (2010-2013)

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| 1 Anson Allard | 45 Cameron Leinen |
| 2 Austin Aase | 46 Jon Leinen |
| 3 Mike Aase | 47 Samuel Larson |
| 4 Zachary Anderson 2013 | 48 Alex Logan |
| 5 Elijah Bach | 49 Brady Lass |
| 6 Samuel Bach | 50 Connor Martin |
| 7 Cory Bach | 51 Karl Martin |
| 8 Ben Baribault 2013 | 52 Sonja Martin |
| 9 Jim Bell | 53 Brooke Moormeier |
| 10 Jake Bell | 54 Mike McGraw |
| 11 Jacob Boothroyd | 55 Andrew Maries |
| 12 Shaun Caulfield 2013 | 56 Joshua Ramette |
| 13 Jordan Coon 2013 | 57 Caleb Ramette |
| 14 Jarrett Coon 2013 | 58 Jim Ramette |
| 15 Matt Crumpton | 59 Joshua Manion 2013 |
| 16 Zach Crumpton | 60 Ben Meier |
| 17 Kasey Crumpton | 61 Jacob Meier |
| 18 Jake Conneally | 62 Luke Meier |
| 19 Jeremy Caulfield | 63 Stephen Phillips |
| 20 Matthew Dale | 64 David Roper |
| 21 Steve Dale | 65 Jake Richelsen |
| 22 Colin Emerson | 66 Grayson Relander |
| 23 Steve Emerson | 67 Randy Relander |
| 24 Leif Ewald | 68 Ethan Rodina |
| 25 Eric Ewald | 69 Kent Rodina |
| 26 Jonathan Early | 70 Ethan Robaina 2013 |
| 27 Ian Hammer | 71 Nate Simon |
| 28 Greg Hammer | 72 Terry Simon |
| 29 Sean Hanson | 73 Jacob Simon |
| 30 Bob Hanson | 74 Michael Simon |
| 31 Kevin Hippen | 75 Joshua Sheldon |
| 32 Thomas Henry | 76 Paul Sheldon |
| 33 Henry Hace 2013 | 77 Mason Satterman |
| 34 Brian Hace 2013 | 78 Jacob Stuhr |
| 35 David Kloke | 79 Andrew Tetrick |
| 36 Ryan Kloke | 80 Pete Tetrick |
| 37 Ben Kloke | 81 Blaine Von Ruden |
| 38 Gregg Kloke | 82 Kieren Webster |
| 39 Conner Kujak | 83 Paul Walters |
| 40 Mike Kujak 2013 | 84 Brien Wood |
| 41 Luke Larkin | 85 Travis Wood |
| 42 Tim Larkin | 86 Jared Zingsheim |
| 43 Jake Lindfors | |
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