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September 8, 2015

Dear Chairman Pastor:

In January, 2015, we completed our 58th annual Gila County Gem and Mineral Show and it was a great success! There were over 1,200 visitors including 350 children from schools and boys and girls clubs. The Show provided an opportunity for students, as well as adults, to learn about gems and minerals, purchase gems and minerals, and just have a lot of fun playing games, eating at the Fraternal Order of Police food booth and visiting with old and new friends. The Show brings in many people from all over the State and the local businesses appreciate the visitors.

As a non-profit organization, we have focused on the educational opportunities for children and want to continue with this approach. All students and student groups are allowed free admission along with any chaperones. The admission fee is nominal for adults in order to have as many visitors as possible. However, expenses are continuing to increase. We hold our show at the Gila County Fairgrounds and the two biggest expenses are building rent and security costs. We paid \$1,300 for building rent and \$1,204.28 for security; a total of \$2,504.28 for our last show. We were also asked to provide an additional \$400 for security assistance.

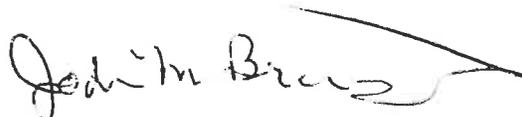
Our relationship with Gila County goes back many years, and we allow Gila County to use all our tables and display cases for any functions held at the Fairgrounds. You will see our display cases and tables in use at the Gila County Fair. We have 94 eight-foot tables and 46 display cases that are stored at the Fairgrounds. Most of our tables have been purchased within the last three years and all display cases were refurbished within the same period. We do not charge a fee to the Fairgrounds for use nor do we require the Fairgrounds notify us when they are used.

With all the natural minerals in the area, rocks and gems are a big part of our community and our Show provides easy access to see the treasures found within Gila County, our State and all over the World. Our Show will be held January 15, 16 & 17, 2016. We are requesting a waiver of the rent and security costs. Although we are requesting a waiver of all costs, any financial assistance will be welcome so that we can continue to provide a quality Show. Thank you so much for your time in reviewing this matter.

Sincerely,



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