

May 20, 2002
W.D. Milliken, Secretary
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Dear Mr. Milliken:

Imagine, if you will, a small office tucked away on a small side street. As you walk into the double doors, you notice that the offices are bustling with activity: the bookkeeper is typing out checks on a typewriter, pulling the amount off handwritten purchase orders on triplicate forms, an administrative assistant is xeroxing copies of an in-house staff meeting to put in everyone's mailboxes and the receptionist buzzes a field staffer on the intercom to ask her a question, interrupting her meeting with a district level volunteer. The Finance Director pops her head into the Executive Director's office and states, "I'm going home to check my email. I'm waiting for an email from Bill responding to whether his company will sponsor camp scholarships this year."

Unfortunately, this isn't a scene from an office in 1952 but fifty years later in 2002. The Boy Scouts of America's Old Baldy Council requests \$27,447.26 to update office equipment to 21st century standards. The Council can save:

- reams of paper by networking computers- so we can share files and calendars, send memos and have access to email and the Web
- administrative support staff hours by allowing field staff to access Scoutnet (the Boy Scouts' international database) and satisfy their research and data needs
- field staff hours waiting for administrative staff to obtain data that would take them a few minutes to do themselves as well as waiting for administrative staff to print out emails to field staff and other internet based information and requests
- field staff hours driving home to check email since a majority of our of volunteers prefer electronic communication to phone interruptions during business hours or dinner. (And it allows field staff to end the workday at a reasonable hour).

The Old Baldy Council, Boy Scouts of America, has a proud history of providing quality youth programs to the ever-changing community. Over one million youth of the Old Baldy Council Area have participated in Scouting programs of the council since its beginning in 1922. In 2001-02, over 16,000 youth and families were served and our projections indicate that 2002-03 will again be a record year for Scouting participation.

In today's dynamic society the Old Baldy Council, Boy Scouts of America is directing much effort into preparing young people to meet the challenges facing them. Chief