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Dear Members and Friends,

It's hard to believe that another summer is already upon us – especially here in the 100+ degree heat! Last week, the Mule Creek team returned from another field season in the slightly cooler climes of the upper Gila River region of west-central New Mexico. I look forward to their report on what these ongoing investigations are revealing about population dynamics in late prehistory.

As always, I am pleased to enclose the Center's **2009 Annual Report** for your review. I invite you to share our pride in the substantive progress we are making toward the core goals underlying our mission – preserving the places of our shared past – because your generous support is essential to this very progress.

And we're not slowing down. In addition to continuing our preservation, research, and outreach activities in ever more integrative ways, we are building a true center for the practice of preservation archaeology. We're proud of our new home, which allows us to live our mission in Tucson's vibrant downtown.

This permanent facility – a unique historic building complex known as the Bates Mansion – will be a **multi-purpose resource** for our staff and colleagues, for the local and national heritage conservation community, and for you, our members and friends.

Our impressive and growing library is housed in a large, serene room that also serves as a conference space. Already outfitted with shelves and a massive antique table, it now requires projection equipment, improved lighting, and comfortable chairs. Remember that **use of our non-circulating library is a benefit of your support** for the Center – so you really will appreciate those chairs!

Our beautifully landscaped courtyard is well-suited to the pleasant outdoor programming Tucson's climate bestows for much of the year. And we have access to the magnificent Corona Room for large indoor events. Hosting programs in these spaces will enable us to reach more people with stories about our shared past and information about regional preservation efforts. Again, we must acquire furniture and technological equipment that facilitate expanded programming.

I hope that I can count on your support for these enhancements this summer. Even modest donations will add up quickly to put these improvements in place. The research, dialogue, and decision-making that will occur in this center for preservation archaeology will benefit us all – and help to preserve the places of our shared past.

With profound gratitude,



William H. Doelle
President & CEO

P.S. You'll notice that the enclosed card offers a monthly giving option, which may be more manageable and convenient for you. Modest monthly gifts add up to a considerable amount of support that we can leverage in support of our mission. You may also choose the monthly giving option when you follow the "DONATE NOW" link at www.cdarc.org/how-to-help/.