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Dear Anderson University Family,

Anderson University was recently informed of a security incident at Blackbaud that may have affected your personal data. Blackbaud is a third-party software vendor that is widely utilized by many U.S. nonprofit organizations and higher education institutions including Anderson University. Blackbaud has assured us that NO credit card information, bank account information, usernames, passwords or social security numbers were involved in this data breach.

As a valued member of the Anderson University community, we wanted to make you aware of this data breach at Blackbaud and encourage you to monitor this situation. While no credit card information, bank account information, or social security numbers were compromised, Blackbaud did apprise us that the files accessed by the cybercriminal may have contained your contact information, date of birth, demographic information and a record of your relationship with Anderson University. In addition, Blackbaud informed us that they have engaged security experts to search for any misuse of the data and no evidence has been found of this to date; they are also monitoring the dark web looking for any traces of the data affected in this incident. You can learn more about the incident by visiting <http://blackbaud.com/securityincident>.

We take seriously our responsibility to protect the information of our entire University family. We will continue to be diligent in this responsibility and therefore notify you any time that we receive notice from any of our third-party vendors of a possible or likely data breach in their system(s). Again, we have no specific notice that your specific user data was breached or has been maliciously used.

Please be assured that we will continue to closely monitor the Blackbaud incident, providing updates as necessary. Despite the fact that Blackbaud's breach has been deemed a low risk for data exposure, as a best practice, it is always a good idea to be vigilant in addressing misuse of your identity from any source. The Federal Trade Commission has several helpful resources on protecting yourself from or reporting incidents of identity theft: visit www.consumer.gov/idtheft or call 1-877-438-4339.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us at Anderson University at 864-231-2147. We are extremely grateful for your continued support of the University's mission. Faithfully,

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