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Dear Friends:

I have always been an avid reader and one that enjoys a good book with a lot of twists and turns between the pages keeping me spellbound until the very end. As each chapter unfolds, the story is one where no one chapter is identical to another.

Our investments can be compared to that one great novel. No one can know in advance exactly how the next chapters in the investment book will turn out. Like any good book, the investment experience will undoubtedly include many volatile chapters as we saw in 2011. With the fast-changing economic and political developments, events in Europe, taxes and deficits combined with a presidential election year, we may all be questioning as to where to we go from here with regard to our investments. Some may want to slam the book shut because they cannot tolerate what is currently happening, but doing that leaves them with no outcome and an unfruitful ending.

As we move into 2012, analysts are predicting that we can expect to see continued volatility and a see-saw market that will likely experience both breakout rallies and occasional downward spikes. With the exception of 2008, the stock market has historically performed above average in presidential election years, and we are hopeful that this year will continue that trend. Our advice to you is to stay the course, continue to hold a diversified portfolio of good investments and be prudent with spending from invested funds. We believe that investors who maintain their long-term focus and strategy in the coming months and years will be well-rewarded in "The End."

I just want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the confidence and trust that you have placed in us. We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you and please don't hesitate to contact us should you have questions or whenever we can be of service to you.

Sincerely,

Anita Crisp
Executive Director