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To whom it may concern,

I write this letter to announce that after prayerful consideration, seeking the counsel from many stakeholders and assessing our ever growing calendar of activities, it is time to suspend the Run for Hope on May 13.

The Vision of 6 Stones is to be a Catalyst of Hope that transforms lives, homes and communities. We do that by creating coalitions and collaborations to meet the needs of our community.

The Run for Hope kicked off the Operation Back 2 School (OB2S) season. OB2S has grown every year and in 2016 we were able to assist over 5,100 students in HEB ISD. We only see that growing.

The Run for Hope was designed as a fundraising tool for a great cause! You can change tools as long as the goal remains the same. So we have elected to begin revising our tools and strategies for Operation Back 2 School.

It is important to note, that part of the proceeds from the Run for Hope went into the Dr. Gene and Mary Kay Buinger Scholarship Fund. Additionally, some of our stakeholders added scholarships to the Run for Hope. We will look for ways to fund these and continue to honor Dr. B and Mary Kay by empowering students to continue their education after graduation.

Everything has seasons, so we press on and focus on the goal of being a Catalyst of Hope to our communities. So whether we all are running or not, we are focused on kiddos and this community! We would love to visit with you about ways you can be a hero to any number of the 6,000 students counting on you and I this year at Operation Back 2 School.

Sign up to be a part of the day or sponsor a kiddo at [www.6stones.org/ob2s](http://www.6stones.org/ob2s). See you at Operation Back 2 School on August 12!

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