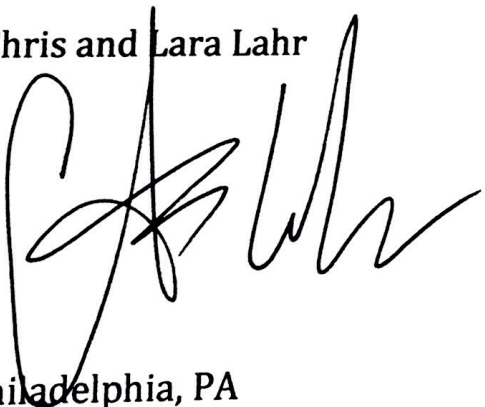


Dear Darin,

It's hard to believe that Lara and I have been a part of Common Change for seven years now! The Bible says that when you give, don't let your left hand know what your right hand is up to! Common Change allows us to live this out! We joined CC because we felt that our tithe should go to more than buildings and staff, it should also go to those in need. Living in Philly we have been face to face with a lot of need and Common Change has been a tool to show love to more people than we ever could have on our own. One aspect I love about CC is that the gift giving is never about ourselves, rather we point to a larger group of people who are giving their resources for those with needs. Too often charity can get in the way of justice, and those doing the charity end up being the one's in power who get to call all the shots. With Common Change, it's not about power, it's about sharing, it's a great model for those in need to see that a larger group of Christians care about them. I cannot even count the numerous folks that have been helped by CC in the seven years we have been participating, and every time it has been our pleasure to point them to a different way of viewing resources and display the power of sharing and practical love.

Chris and Lara Lahr



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