

WHITTIER HOUSE
172-174 AND 178 GRAND STREET
JERSEY CITY, N. J.

January 11, 1917.

Mr. Henry Ford,
Detroit, Michigan,
My dear Mr. Ford,

I am presuming to write you because you all know of your keen sense of justice where working people are considered, of your desire to be helpful where help is needed, and of the generous way in which you are using your justly acquired wealth to help others and to make the world better for your living in it. Of course you do not know of me or of our Whittier House Settlement in lower Jersey City and I doubt if you know very much of Jersey City itself, but I can assure you the difficulty of carrying on humanitarian work in Jersey City is something almost unsurmountable. In New Jersey at large is not interested in New Jersey but is interested in New York and in Philadelphia, and gives largely to the maintaining of settlements in those cities. Jersey City, a town of about 300000 inhabitants is overlooked by the state generally, ridiculed by other cities, but has in it great needs and in proportion to its size, these needs though not picturesque as in New York on the East Side, demand a friend and the close touch of settlement life and work. For twenty three years the work and life of Whittier House has been here in the overlooked, untouched, first ward of lower Jersey City. Hundreds and hundreds of young people have grown up and received their influence for education and for higher citizenship, here with us. The usual activities of settlement life have been ours but upon nothing do we pride ourselves more heartily than in the Americanizing of the foreigner in whose community our settlement is situated. We have now our Diet Kitchen, out of which have been going 800 bottles of soups daily into the homes for sick babies, we have our Women's and Children's Dispensaries, our Summer Camp and for all these money is needed. We want to raise \$10,000 by the middle of May. Won't you kindly help us? Miss Jane Addams whom you know is a friend of mine and knows of our struggles.

With your financial sympathy
Assistance - Mrs. E. J. [unclear]