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Hello,

To protect your organization from fraud, please see the communication below from Casa de Amparo regarding a scheme impacting our community.

Sharing with our nonprofit network so you are aware and can report any similar suspicious activity.

All the best,
Mitch



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Good Morning Captain Ralph,

Yesterday we received a check purportedly from an estate gift for over \$190,000. Our development director was suspicious of the source and did some research and ultimately found it to be a forged cashier's check. In doing some further open-source research she

found that this is part of a series of scams whereby the criminal sends a non-profit a check for a large amount, like he did to us, and after the non-profit deposits it the criminal immediately asks for part of the money back. The criminal explains that it was an over-donation due to an accounting error and asks for about half of the money back. The idea is obviously to get the non-profit to remit tens of thousands back and then when the bogus check bounces the non-profit is the victim of a crime.

Other intended victims are in the thread in this Linked In posting:

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/danielhorwitz_scam-alert-alphonso-blye-collecting-against-activity-7127748444198240256-OSm8/?trk=public_profile_like_view.

I will hold onto the check for a week or so in case anyone wants to investigate this. It was an attempted grand theft by fraud on us and we are not out any money, thankfully. We have e-mail correspondence back and forth with the criminal as well which we will gladly provide to any investigation.

Kind Regards,

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