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Dear Friends of CCS _____,

As you may know, my school, Champion Christian High School (CCHS), has mission opportunities for high school students. Every year we take a major mission trip to one of four different types of areas. We are glad to share that this year we will be traveling to inner city Chicago, Illinois.

CCHS mission trips help students experience how God is working in various cultures. We are very excited about this trip. We will be teaming up with the Score Domestic missions organization and working with a local Christian school serving inner city youth as well as a local homeless shelter. The Score Domestic missions organization has hosted many teams and has been very effective at connecting mission groups with communities that are good matches. This is an opportunity for us to live out our faith by working at the intersection of the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. We have a unique chance to be Jesus in the flesh to someone who perhaps has never met Him...someone who has never given a thought to the need for a Savior in his or her life. Possible projects are: assisting the elderly; assisting families in need, working with a homeless shelter; having fun with a kids' bible school with arts, crafts, and games; and possibly sponsoring a basketball tournament. In addition, we are going to share mission work with a local Christian school and do any construction work that is needed.

I am writing to let you know that I have been led to go on the trip this year. You may be aware that CCHS is a part of the Christian Family & Children's Center in Champion, PA (<http://www.champion.org>). Our group of over 25 students and adults will be away from April 9th through April 13th. In the past years, teams have gone to: Arizona to work with various native American tribes; The Dominican Republic to work with a local missions group reaching children and adults; New Orleans, LA to help with the ongoing reconstruction from Hurricane Katrina; various places in Canada to minister in a post-Christian culture; West Virginia (Appalachia) to minister in poor, rural areas; Denver, Colorado to work with a large population of homeless children; Nuevo Laredo, Mexico to assist a small town and build a church, Salt Lake City, Utah to minister to the LDS community, and New York City to work with an urban ministry. This trip will be different in many ways, and we have chosen it because of those differences. God calls us to spread His Good News to all people everywhere, so, we are off to learn about the inner city in Chicago. It will be an important spiritual and cultural experience for everyone on our team. We estimate that the cost for the trip will be about \$600 per person, which will cover transportation, food, housing and mission material expenses. We always give anything that is left over, after our expenses, to the ministries that we serve.

I am writing to ask you to pray for us, but I also would like to ask you to join this exciting venture by giving a gift of financial support. I would appreciate your gift of \$100.00 or whatever the Lord may lead you to give. Everyone committed to going on this trip must raise funds to go. We will all work together to make this a team effort, and my desire to go must be met with my willingness to ask people to support this mission program. If you cannot give, that is fine! Please pray for us. You will be able to find out more about what we are doing on our CCHS Missions Page at www.champion.org/ccs/missions.

There are two ways you can give to this important cause:

1. A gift given in my name will go directly towards my expenses but cannot be shared in other ways. If I receive gifts to my costs more than \$600, I will either return the gifts over that amount, or ask that they be given to the general mission trip fund to help others who are going. Gifts given towards my expenses only **ARE NOT tax deductible**. Please mark the check with my name in the memo only if this is your wish.
2. A gift given generally to the mission team **IRS tax deductible** and will be distributed evenly to the group. Any student or adult participating in the group must raise funds and contact people to help support the trip by asking a network of people that would have the heart for this trip. You are a part of that group. This opportunity will assure that everyone can go on the trip. All monies received over our actual expenses will be used for the ministry needs in the service area we visit. Please mark the check "mission trip" in this case. This would be my preferred way of receiving gifts.

We have been instructed to NOT take any money personally.

Thank you for caring and sharing! God bless you as you join our team to win people to Christ and train youth for ministry.

Sincerely,

Champion Christian High School Mission Team Member

A couple of quick notes that are important from CCHS's perspective:

1. We will acknowledge each gift with a receipt and report of the trip. In order to do that, please give us your address along with your gift. If you would not like to be on our mailing list, please note that clearly.
2. Please do not hand cash to students or make checks payable to anyone other than Champion Christian School, 2166 Indian Head Road, Champion, PA 15622. This is to protect the integrity of both the students and our ministry.
3. No monies received will be used for anything other than mission trip expenses and gifts to the mission organizations with whom we are working. A financial report will be issued as part of the mission report at the end of the trip.
4. Please contact one of the CCHS Staff at 724-593-9200, D. Merle Skinner, Executive Director of the Center (merle_skinner@champion.org) Ext. 103, or Mrs. Belinda Lane, High School Principal (belinda_lane@champion.org) Ext. 111, or Mrs. Rachel Brant, High School Faculty (rachel_brant@champion.org) Ext. 108 for additional information.

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