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Dear Global Giving:

My name is Mary Carroll Dodd and I am the Director of Global Education at The Epiphany School of Global Studies in New Bern, North Carolina. I have had the pleasure of working with Mitch Lewis on the Stomp Out Genocide and Healing Our World project with a group of my students.

First of all, Mitch Lewis is an enthusiastic leader, determined activist, and amazing human being. His vision to make a difference in our world and inspire children to take part in standing up against genocide is phenomenal. My students (who range in age from third grade to twelfth grade) learned so much from Mitch through the example he set to make a change in the world.

It is crucial that we teach students *of all ages* that they can make a difference. Even if they are not old enough to vote, or run for office, or even complete an algebra problem, they can have an opinion and do something for the betterment of our world. Stomp Out Genocide and Healing Our World teaches students this important lesson. This project involves them in helping to raise awareness about the terrible atrocities that have and are occurring to their brothers and sisters in other countries.

Also, projects like Healing Our World connect students of all ages, backgrounds, ethnicities, religions, and cultures under one common cause. In a society that often seems to highlight our differences, it is extremely powerful for students to see the many similarities they have with other people who may look different or grow up in another place. We are all children, together, united as one for a common purpose. This in itself helps students to see and believe in the power of peace and unity.

I strongly endorse this wonderful program and I am honored to be a part of this important project. Thank you so much for your time and please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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