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To Whom It May Concern,

Mahatma Gandhi once said, "Be the change you wish to see in the world." This is a quote in which my students demonstrate daily. My senior students in my Creative World English class united to fundraise over \$3,000 for the *Darfur Diaries*, Education Project. Words cannot describe the pride that fills me when I begin to talk about these young activists.

My students are strong believers that the Darfuri children will only succeed in life if they earn an education. These young adults cannot believe the perseverance that the Darfuri people display to the world. The seniors were driven to raise an exceptional amount of money after viewing *Darfur Diaries*. They were filled with compassion after seeing what these courageous people must go through. The two Creative World classes integrated to form two events. They put on a large garage sale, which they named Shop for Darfur and Darfur Gatorball Challenge, which was a dodgeball tournament. Between the two events, the sale of Save Darfur t-shirts and help from the community, they raised over \$3,000.

Most importantly, during this service learning project, my students raised awareness. It is infuriating that genocide is going on and individuals are simply unaware. Educated adults do not know that the Darfuri people are dying every single day! However, my students served as advocates for the Darfuri people by telling others of the atrocities. It was inspiring to see these young minds teach the young, the old, the educated, the poor and the prejudice about the genocide. I am so proud of my students and I truly hope that this monetary gift makes a difference in the lives of those who need it most. Thank you for providing the Darfuri people with hope. Without hope, they have nothing. I believe that someday the people of Darfur will live in peace thanks to an organization such as Darfur Peace and Development Organization.

Sincerely,

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