

September 15, 2002

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Dear Mr./Ms. (Last Name):

The unemployment rate for people with disabilities is approximately 70% throughout our nation. We are contacting you because you have been identified as someone who cares about making this situation better.

To teach young people with disabilities how to be successfully employed and active in their communities, we are producing a very innovative, successful program, the "Youth Leadership Forum for Students with Disabilities (YLF)". Originally created in California in 1992, this exemplary project is now having a major impact on the lives of young people with disabilities in more than thirty states and territories.

For our state, we have brought together leaders in business, education and the disability community to produce YLF. The impact will be tremendous, and it has been in many other states. However, we need your assistance to secure funding to cover the costs for the selected student delegates. The program is an intensive, five-day career awareness training. It is totally produced by volunteers, but it still costs us about \$1500 per student to attend.

Any donation amount will be greatly appreciated. Enclosed is more detailed information about the project. We will be happy to provide additional information. We will follow-up and contact you after you have had time to consider our request. Or please feel free to call us at 9916) 654-8055 (Voice or TTY). Together, we really can make a difference and help young people with disabilities to become productive members of our communities! Thank you for you time.

Sincerely,

Catherine Kelly Baird
Chair, YLF

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