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Dear Friends of School Mental Health:

As we approach our 13th Annual Awards Ceremony, I want to personally thank you for your continued support. The Ceremony focuses on educators and mental health professionals within the Los Angeles Unified School District that have made exceptional contributions to the lives of needy students. You have also made a contribution and deserve our thanks.

2005-2006 has been a period of extraordinary devastation and painful impact upon citizens of our country and world. There is now greater competition among local and national charities for funds. I am grateful that our donors have seen fit to consistently prioritize assistance to local school children at the top of their lists. I hope that you will continue to play a part in maintaining the local focus.

By contributing to Friends of School Mental Health, you are playing a part in a "Quick Response" to local students who may not have a meal in the pantry or shoes to wear to school. We are not a large charity, but we pride ourselves on our swift response and low operating costs. While other charities are duplicating forms or running studies, we are delivering the basics of survival to the school-based children in urgent need.

Our Board of Directors and Funding Liaisons are all 100% volunteers. None are paid for their time or efforts. All resources are directed to those children in need. Unfortunately, our donations have fallen far short for this year. We anticipate having to reduce our support to local school children if we are unable to recoup the loss.

Please maintain your commitment to our local community charity. Renew your contribution with a gift of \$25.00. You will feel satisfied knowing that your funds move through very few hands on its way to a student's "stomachs or feet." Making a difference has never been so simple!

Remember, charity starts at home and your gift remains in the community.

Sincerely,

Ruth Smith, President
Friends of School Mental Health

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