



Dear

This year I have the opportunity to work with 50 of my classmates and a local non-profit organization called Global Leaders (GL). This program is a 9 month leadership and service-learning organization for high school students. The culmination of this year-long program is a two week journey to Guatemala to continue participating in service-learning, language study and cultural exchange. I am really excited and can't wait for this incredible opportunity. **I am writing this letter to ask you for financial support to allow me to participate in this program.** I also want you to know I will be working really hard to earn financial aid and on other fundraisers to make this happen!

Let me share some background on GL. The founders saw a need to get students out of the classroom and into the world, learning and participating in meaningful service learning projects. Since 1997, GL has brought students of diverse racial, economic and ethnic backgrounds together to participate in extraordinary educational programs in Fort Collins and in Central America. The program combines service learning projects with the opportunity for international travel and Spanish language study. Students traveling abroad will choose from one of three service-learning projects to work on: clean cookstove installation, reforestation, and supporting small coffee farms around San Miguel Escobar, Guatemala. GL is committed to empowering young people to make positive change in their community and around the globe.

This year, I am volunteering in Fort Collins with a variety of nonprofits. We work with Putnam and Lopez Elementary Schools, Respite Care, OtterCares, A Little Help, Kids After School Time (working with homeless youth), Shire Farms, among other local non-profits. The average number of hours each student volunteers in our community is **70 hours**.

**Once again, I hope that you can find a way to make a tax-deductible donation to help me take this once-in-a-lifetime journey.** Our group's **goal is to raise \$40,000** from this letter campaign. This year we will fund our local and international service programs, projects and scholarships for students with financial needs. In 2023, GL's students raised over \$29,000 through our letter campaign.

### Northern Colorado



40+ elementary kids mentored annually



70 service hours/student



175 families fed monthly through GL Food Pantry



Partners: Shire Farms, Larimer Co Food Bank, A Little Help, 10 Local Schools, OtterCares, etc.

### International Projects



100+ Clean and efficient cook stoves installed



38,000 trees planted



40,000 total service hours abroad



15 Single family homes built



38 School rooms built

**Tax Deductible donations can be mailed to:**

**Global Leaders** | 405 E. Prospect, Suite 4 | Fort Collins, CO 80525

Please consider your contribution as an investment. You're not only supporting great service projects locally and in Guatemala; **you're supporting me on my leadership journey, as I develop the skills I need to help me make positive change in my community and in the world.**

Checks can be made out to "Global Leaders" and mailed in the envelope I have provided. Please detach the donation form below and include it in your envelope. I am grateful for your time and hope that you are able to sponsor my endeavors.

Sincerely,

Personal Note:

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***Please detach this portion and include it in the return stamped envelope along with your check.***

<p><b>Count me in! I'd love to support GL's mission of empowerment and your leadership journey!</b></p> <p>I am enclosing a check in the amount of: __ \$25 __ \$50 __ \$100 __ \$200 Other: \$ _____</p> <p>Student name: _____</p> <p>My email address: _____</p> <p><i>(you will receive a tax deductible receipt to your email)</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> I don't do email. Please mail my tax deductible receipt here:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
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