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To Mrs. Eva Demyen and Faculty:

My name is Thomas Goemans and I am a freshman at Deer Park High School and a Deer Park Fire Department volunteer junior firefighter. On Tuesday, January 12th, 2010 the country of Haiti endured a 7.0 magnitude earthquake, which brought the country and its population to ruins. Homes and business were destroyed and brought to the ground, many lives were lost in the disaster and those who survived were left homeless and helpless.

In light of the natural disaster, I took it upon myself to reach out to the community of Deer Park and establish a fundraiser in hopes of helping the people of Haiti who are suffering. While I couldn't go to Haiti myself to help others, I figured the best way to help would be to start a medical supplies fundraiser within our school district.

Approximately three weeks ago, myself, along with the help of my family, placed large boxes in all of the schools within our district and sent letters to all the students in Deer Park asking them and their families for donations to help the people of Haiti. I asked for all medical supplies, from hygiene care products like toothpaste and soap to medical supplies such as gauze, band aids and antiseptic products.

At the conclusion of this fundraiser I am more proud than ever to say that I am a member of the Deer Park community. The outreach from the members of the school district and the community was simple amazing and should not go without recognition. The community really did its part to pitch in and help this needy cause and after two weeks of fundraising, myself and the community helped to donate over 5000 items which allowed me to pack over 50 boxes of medical supplies. I was also able to ship crutches and walkers along with these supplies.

With the help of the Deer Park Fire Department and my family, I was able to separate and box all of the donated medical supplies and transfer them to Suffolk County Executive Steve Levy and his staff. The supplies are currently being processed and then will be shipped directly to Haiti to help the people in need.

I would like to thank everyone in the district for all their help with making my fundraiser successful. The members of the district and the community should all be proud of themselves for all their hard work and hospitable gestures towards this relief effort. I would also like to thank the Deer Park Fire Department for their help and efforts with my fundraiser as well. Thank you again for all of your help with my fundraiser for Haiti.

Sincerely,

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