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Dear

I am writing to ask for your help in supporting a mission trip to Costa Rica in which I am participating. In early August, St. James' Episcopal Church is sending a group of teens and adults to San Jose, Costa Rica, to assist the Abraham Project in building a center for orphaned and abandoned children. The Abraham Project is reaching out to attend to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the children and youth, who otherwise would be trapped in a life of poverty and abuse. Our work will be to help the Abraham Project construct a physical plant of three children's homes, a daycare center, cafeteria, and a multi-purpose building.

The Abraham Project relies on groups from primarily the United States to assist them in their efforts. We will spend a week helping with construction and interacting with the youth of the Project. We hope that 25-30 people will be making the trip and we estimate that we need to raise approximately \$12,000 to supplement the funds we are receiving from the St. James' mission fund.

We have asked that contributors be unknown to the participants so that no one will feel pressured to give because of guilt or fear of jeopardizing a relationship. So if you are able to provide a financial contribution, I thank you in advance. (All contributors will receive a receipt from our church office.)

To make a tax-deductible contribution to assist us, send a check, payable to St. James' Episcopal Church, to the following address:

Costa Rica Mission Trip
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We also ask that you pray for safety, strength, and support for our trip. If you would like more information on the Abraham Project or our trip, you can visit our Web site at www.stjamespotomac.org/youth/costarica. If you or a member of your family would be interested in joining us on the trip, please contact Don Mullins, St. James' Youth Director, at don@stjamespotomac.org.

Thank you,