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**Re: Boys and Girls Club of Philadelphia – Grand Canyon Trip**

Dear Mr. and Ms. Svitek:

I'd like to take this opportunity to personally thank you for the very kind donation made by your foundation to the Boys and Girls Club of Philadelphia for funding help in taking a group of young people to the Grand Canyon next spring.

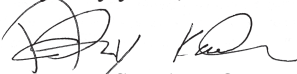
I am a member of the Board of Directors and this project was something that I personally conceived and am determined to bring to fruition. I was referred to you by members of the organization's Advisory Council, Ron and Suzanne Naples, with whom my wife and I share a very close friendship. When I told Suzanne about my brainstorm, she immediately thought of you two and the wonderful tribute you have established to your late and beloved daughter Kate.

I first set eyes on the Grand Canyon in the summer of 1997 when my wife and I took our four children on a tour of the great Southwest. Since that time I have traveled there and hiked to the bottom eight times (various trails) on multi night trips into the back country. The transformative power of the Canyon inspires and drives me daily, even as I sit here typing in my office.

Following ten year of Board Membership at Boys and Girls Club, it finally occurred to me last summer that I should be bringing people there who might never otherwise have the opportunity to be touched by that most sublime of places. Your generosity and vision will help us do just that and I thank you very deeply.

As a father of four, I give you my word that when I walk next spring to the canyon rim and see the club children take their first look at the magnificent abyss, I will speak Kate's name aloud in appreciation and gratitude. I hope after we have returned that I will have the chance to meet both of you and spin the tales of this wonderful adventure.

Very truly yours,



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