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Ellen and Frank Svitek  
Trustee  
Kate Svitek Memorial Foundation  
PO Box 104  
Ambler, PA 19002-0104

Dear Ellen and Frank:

We have received the wonderful news of the 2009 grant to Venture Outdoors from the Kate Svitek Memorial Foundation. This \$2,000 contribution will play an integral role in helping us to provide Outdoor Leadership training to the community. Through this program, Venture Outdoors helps organizations to leverage natural amenities as positive drivers of civic engagement, environmental education, and economic development. Volunteers learn how to share their skills, knowledge, and experiences with others by leading outdoor recreation activities. The grant from the Kate Svitek Memorial Foundation will help us to develop a new modular course curriculum to increase the number of people who can develop these skills, which in turn dramatically increases the ripple effect from effective outdoor leaders, who help provide experiential learning opportunities through rewarding outdoor recreation experiences.

Additionally, it may interest you that we are embarking on a new endeavor in 2009 to engage more minority communities in outdoor activities. Known as the Venture Outdoors Inclusivity Initiative, it's part of a regional transformation in which people in more diverse communities regain connection to local outdoor amenities. Outdoor Leadership training is an integral part of this initiative, serving to help inner city communities leverage their parks, trails and waterways for greater quality of life.

We thank you for being a part of the Venture Outdoors family. I look forward to reporting our results to you next year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sean W. Brady". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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