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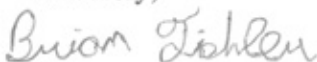
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Ellen and Frank Svitek
Kate Svitek Memorial Foundation
Post Office Box 104
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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Svitek,

Your generosity has allowed me to spend my summer working in Manhattan for the New York City Council on the Environment. While commuting to and from work everyday got tiring after awhile the sheer pleasure of doing urban "greening" as well as the great people in the organization kept me going throughout the two month internship. CENYC goals are to green our neighborhoods, create the environmental leaders of the future, promote waste prevention and recycling, and run the largest farmers market program in the country, which is what made them a very gratifying organization to work for. This was my first opportunity working for a nonprofit organization and even though I was new to it, they gave me a lot of flexibility as an intern to pursue the things I felt were most important. One of my main objectives while working there was to help promote more environmental education in NYC public schools. I was able to accomplish this by constructing worksheets about water conservation, recycling, and eco-friendly lifestyles for teachers as well as students. Another aspect of my internship was finding more funding for this organization. Writing letters, meeting with business owners and doing research were all incorporated into this. The office work part of the internship was interesting, however the most enjoyable part was when I was able to go out into the field. My favorite day of the internship was the day our organization and many local volunteers refurbished a large public garden in one of the NYC public housing projects. After hours of physical labor the sight of a beautiful garden free of litter and weeds gave me a feeling of great accomplishment.

This opportunity to work with CENYC allowed me to learn more about what I would like to do in the future as well as gain the chance to escape from the restaurant job I have worked at the past two summers. With your help I was able to work in the field of my studies for the first time in my life and broaden my knowledge of urban "greening". I am very appreciative of the scholarship I received. Thank you so much for this opportunity.

Sincerely,



Brian Fishler