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Dear

On behalf of the Shriver Living Learning Center, we would like to thank you for your tremendous contributions to our Student Symposium two weeks ago. “Solutions Through Service” was a huge success, and we could not have done it without each and everyone one of your contributions and effort! The feedback we received from over the 100 students, faculty, and community organization representatives who attended our conference and community partners fair was overwhelmingly positive, and requests for future symposia are almost too numerous to count. We feel confident that any success the symposium had was due to the excellence of our presenters and participating community partners, as well as the unique and vital information each provided. As one attendee stated,

"The factual knowledge I gained from attending my conference was valuable and interesting, but it was meeting individuals who have committed their lives to service in so many different ways, each with their own unique and inspirational story, that really impacted my life. I would definitely recommend this conference to anyone who is thinking about attending one in the future. I think that when students realize how many people out there truly care about others and are helping them by using their natural talents, in ways big or small, the world will change. This symposium is already a part of that movement. Thanks so much!"

The Shriver Living Learning Center are already excited to continue this "movement" that you have helped to start. We know that it was only by securing caring, professional, and memorable individuals to speak and help coordinate our conference that we were able to not only engage and challenge symposium attendants, but inspire them to change. As Sargent Shriver once said, "It is well to be prepared for life as it is, but it is better to be prepared to make life better than it is." Be assured that you have already done your part in ensuring that future generations of students will be prepared to do just that.

Thank you for helping us make this a reality!

Sincerely,

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