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SANDY THURMOND**

DATE: September 2 , 1999

FROM: Blaire Bingham

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MESSAGE:

Thank you for a "courtesy call" appointment with Ms. Thurmond to discuss my Girl Scout Gold Award project working with the Nyumbani Orphanage and HIV+ Hospice in Kenya. I am so excited to have the opportunity to meet with Ms. Thurmond at 4:30 p.m. on Wed., September 8. I look forward to our meeting at 736 Jackson Place, Washington, D.C.

Also, for your information, I have confirmed an appointment with Ambassador Samson Chemai with the Republic of Kenya Embassy on Wed., Sept. 8 at 3:00 p.m.

Thanks

BLAIRE BINGHAM

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Press Release

**SENIOR GIRL SCOUT EARNING HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT "GOLD AWARD" BY
WORKING TO RAISE DONATIONS FOR AFRICAN ORPHANAGE AND HOSPICE
FOR HIV POSITIVE ABANDONED BABIES.**

FAIRFAX, VA - The World Health Organization reports that there are an estimated 3,000 HIV Positive infants just in 1998 alone in Nairobi, Kenya, Africa . Many of these infants are abandoned at birth because their mothers, who are mostly single, are afraid they will die and leave their children completely alone. The mothers hope that the hospital will care for the babies. But the hospitals do not have enough resources to care for these babies, so most die from neglect within a few months. Also, 3 out of 4 babies testing HIV Positive at birth turn out, about 4 - 6 months later, to be HIV *Negative* . This is due to the fact that at birth and for four months afterwards, the infants still carry their mother's antibodies which is what the test picks up on . Once the antibodies are cleared from the infant's system, then it can be determined if the infant is actually infected with the HIV virus or not.

Ever hear that every little bit helps? Most likely, yes. It's one of those sayings that everyone says, everyone knows, and one girl takes to heart. Blaire Bingham, a Senior Girl Scout from Fairfax, Virginia, learned about an organization that is doing something about this tragic problem. With help from family and business leaders, she is embarking on a little crusade that will hopefully help.

Ms. Bingham is working to earn her Girl Scout "Gold Award", which is for Girl Scouts what the Eagle Scout Award is to Boy Scouts. For her Gold Award Project, Blaire chose to help a small yet very needy orphanage located in Karen, a town just outside of Nairobi in Kenya, Africa. It is the Nyumbani Orphanage and Hospice, and it is a place for abandoned HIV Positive children to go and live out their lives in a loving family environment, receiving the best available medical, nutritional, and psychological care. For those children that are fortunate to be diagnosed HIV Negative , they are placed in foster homes.

Father Angelo D'Agostino, a medical doctor and psychiatrist who later in life joined the Catholic Jesuits, founded the orphanage in 1992. He began Nyumbani as a project of the Children of God Relief Fund, Inc., a non-profit organization based in Washington, D.C.

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Since Nyumbani was first founded, 150 children, toddlers and infants, have been cared for. Today there are 50 children living at Nyumbani with 40 HIV Negative children that have been placed into foster care services. Thanks to recent donations, more housing units, a schoolhouse, and a warehouse have been built and Nyumbani now will be able to house twice as many children. But that is still not enough. Nyumbani takes in newborns who test HIV Positive at birth, and if they are found to be HIV Negative, they are sent to foster homes or back to their communities through a special adoption and foster care service that Father D'Agostino established. Nyumbani saves lives and cares for HIV Positive children. That is why it is so important for Nyumbani to expand, and that is why Ms. Bingham wishes to help the Nyumbani Orphanage.

Being Senior at Fairfax High School, Blaire obviously has no funds of her own to contribute to the Nyumbani Orphanage. So for her Gold Award Project, but more for the orphanage itself, she will be contacting local businesses and corporations, asking them for financial donations, medical supplies, baby goods, food, and any other needed items directly to the Nyumbani Orphanage. Though it may not sound like much, she hopes that any donations she does raise will help the children residing at Nyumbani and that her little bit will be a big help to these needy children.

If you would like further information about Nyumbani, visit their website at www.nyumbani.com. For donation information, you can contact Nyumbani Orphanage, c/o Barbara Boggs Associates, Inc., 1726 M Street, NW, Suite 200, Washington, D.C. 20036 at 202-872-0393.

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By: Blaire Bingham

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!!

**Mr. Joel Greenberg
Garden State Consumer Credit Counseling Agency
Freehold, New Jersey
\$500**

(\$250 donated as an individual and \$250 donated by Garden State)

**Ms. Nancy Lazar
Law Firm of Davis Polk & Wardwell
New York, New York
\$250
(donated as an individual)**

**Mr. Stephen Case
Law Firm of Davis Polk & Wardwell
Washington, D.C.
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**Ms. Debra Kuptz
Jay Alix & Associates
Southfield, Michigan
\$100
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**Ms. Amy Tonti
Law Firm of Klett Lieber Rooney & Schorling
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\$50
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