

Dear _____

[A greeting of some sort- Hey! Hi! Hello! What's up!?!] I hope you're doing well. **Share about you-** I'm (age) years old now and in (11th) grade! School this year has been (how has school been this year?) and I'm learning a lot about (what subject do you like learning about the most?). I've been involved with lots of things like (name some of the sports, clubs, groups you're a part of) and one of those is my church! There's lots of stuff going on in my middle school youth group and one thing this summer is the mission trip!

July 13-20th, I, along with 65 other high school students and leaders from Good Shepherd, will journey to Erie, PA, not for a vacation, but for a cause! I will join 500 other students from around the country to help transform the community. Erie, like any other city, has its challenges. I'm going to have the chance to minister to the "least of these" that Jesus described in Matthew 25: the homeless, the hungry, the elderly, the youngest, the poor.

I am so excited to have this opportunity to help make an impact in a community. We will be there to show Jesus' love while we are serving. Every day we will work on a project at a resident's home that needs repair (installing a wheelchair ramp, new fence, painting). Many of whom, are no longer able to complete these tasks without our help.

[If you are playing in/volunteering at Dodgin' 4 Dough, include some information here about how you've been working to support yourself on this trip too!]

I am/have been working hard already to gather the financial support for this mission trip by participating in my church's Dodgin' 4 Dough fundraiser. It is/was on Feb 1-2 and I [volunteered with the concession stand/etc, recruited a team, found a sponsor for the tournament]. It was awesome! And because I was a part of this event, part of the proceeds will go towards my mission trip fees.

I still have more to do in order to make this trip a reality! I am writing this letter to ask for your support. You can support me in 1 or 2 ways:

1. Financial Support
2. Prayer Support

I am asking friends and family to make a contribution on my behalf to help pay my portion of the trip expense (\$715). This will help cover the cost of my trip, lodging, food and supplies. Would you prayerfully consider making a contribution of \$50, \$100, or some other amount to help cover the cost of this mission trip? All gifts are tax deductible. If I raise more than the cost of the trip, the money will go to help other students attending.

I am also asking for prayer support while I'm away on this adventure. Pray that this is a time that I will grow closer to God. Pray for our safety and health while on the trip. Lastly, please pray for the families and individuals in which we will be ministering to.

I hope that I can count on you to support me in this endeavor. If you choose to support me financially please make the check to **Good Shepherd Church** with my name and "Workcamp" in the memo line. All checks can be mailed to:

Good Shepherd Church
1310 Shepherd Drive
Naperville, IL 60565

Thank you,