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Dear Larry and Kim,

Let me begin by thanking you for your continued support and dedication to helping YSI. Like both of you, I believe strongly in the importance of helping children not only discover the spirit of learning, but also an enthusiasm for science, and a love of nature.

As you learned at the gathering in June, data from the California Department of Education shows that 29% of fifth-grade students are failing science in Santa Clara County. For students from high poverty neighborhoods, this number jumps as high as 79%. The reasons for these disturbing statistics are numerous; including the lack of time allotted for science instruction within the school. Without supplemental science education from out-of-school providers like YSI, many Santa Clara County students would not have a complete grade-level science curriculum.

I'm writing to you now to ask that you once again demonstrate your commitment to improving science education for youth in Santa Clara County by making a donation to YSI.

Here are examples of what a donation to YSI can provide:

- \$2,625 brings five classes of 35 low-income students to a 90-minute program at YSI's Alum Rock Science & Nature Center
- \$2,808 provides care for two tortoises at YSI's Vasona Science & Nature Center for three years
- \$3,810 provides scholarships to a week-long summer camp for ten low-income children

When I make my financial donation to YSI's annual campaign this year, I know that my investment will be put to good use benefitting our community. I'm so glad you've remained two of YSI's strongest ambassadors!

Best,

Diane

