

Dear _____

My name is _____ and I am a student in the Mission Viejo High School Virtual Enterprise class. Of 60 students who applied for the Virtual Enterprise class, only 24 students were selected. In Virtual Enterprise, we create a virtual business and compete against other schools from the country at two different trade fair shows in California. We compete in sales, marketing, and other departments of our business as well as making arrangements to pay back our virtual loan of \$500,000. In addition, the fundraising and community outreach department develops community projects beyond our nation's borders. In short, the goal of Virtual Enterprise is to gain hands-on experience in creating a business, and compete around the state in Bakersfield and San Francisco. This year's company is J'adore La Fondue, a professional fondue catering company. This year our global outreach project focuses on the lack of drinkable water in Africa.

In Africa, most of the people spend most of their lives searching for drinkable water and firewood for their families. J'adore La fondue has decided connect with the organization *Love Mercy*, a borehole drilling operation that brings water to people in need. With as little as \$10,000, we can improve the lives of an entire village, by drilling a borehole for clean water. Boreholes are narrow shafts that are drilled into the ground 100 to 600 feet deep, with a pump to provide a constant source of clean and fresh water for 5,000 people. Clean available drinking water in Africa is a serious problem; raising money to drill a borehole is one way we can all help to solve this problem.

This letter is to ask you, our family, our friends, and our corporate sponsors to think about how clean water affects your life everyday and to think of those who are less fortunate. Families in Africa do not have the luxury of water that Americans take advantage of everyday. If you would like to make a donation, your generosity towards this important cause would be greatly appreciated. If you choose not to make a donation, thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely,
