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Dear Friend of Path To Shine,

If you could help more children achieve their hope-filled dreams, wouldn't you? You can! By supporting Path To Shine, **you can help us** make a genuine difference.

What makes Path To Shine Unique *and* Effective?

- Our committed volunteers take time to connect with and listen to the children. They teach life skills because we know goal setting, good manners, and resilience are the difference between surviving *and thriving*.
- We focus on small-ratio programs that allow us to develop relationships, not only with the children but also with their families and communities.
- Path To Shine "HQ" provides in-depth volunteer training, as well as ongoing support and supplementary high-quality resources and curriculum to local programs.
- By partnering with churches and organizations in our affiliate communities, we minimize expenses while providing safe, consistent, and nurturing environments.

We sometimes wonder what would have happened if we had not started Path To Shine. Then we reflect on the stories we know, and they keep us going. Stories of real children, real hope, and real success.

- **Stories like Pablo's.** So excited about the strength of his first AP scores, he texted his achievements to his Path To Shine mentor. His parents didn't understand the importance of the scores, but Pablo knew his mentor would appreciate what they meant and would celebrate his accomplishments wholeheartedly. She did!
- **Stories like John's.** John has made remarkable progress in an independent school, thanks in part, to our *Fund the Gap* scholarship which helps cover costs not included in his tuition scholarship (food, uniforms, field trips). As a result of his hard work and impressive development, John's high school choices are now very bright. Not only does John believe in his own future, he's positively impacting his younger siblings and others around him.

With 10 programs in operation and more in planning, Path To Shine provides over 130 children a safe and productive after-school experience. We know graduating from high school is critical to a child's future, and our children are taught and encouraged to believe in themselves. But there is more work to be done.

Your gift helps create more opportunities for more children to achieve hope-filled dreams.

- Your gift enables us to share more books, supplies, and enrichment opportunities.
- Your gift allows us to launch more program sites, train more volunteers, and develop engaging curricular materials.

Path to Shine[®] is a self-sustaining ministry of St. Benedict's Episcopal Church, and all donations are tax-deductible.

- Your gift helps us expand *Fund the Gap* and assist high-potential graduates in accessing independent school opportunities for middle school.

This year, our Annual Giving Campaign has set a goal of raising \$30,000. *Your individual donations are critical* – and they go a long way. With your support, Path To Shine’s mission can move forward, helping to shape more stories like Pablo’s and John’s.

We ask you to please consider supporting our children-focused work with a contribution to our Annual Giving Campaign. You may visit our website www.pathtoshine.org to make a secure donation or send a check to 2160 Cooper Lake Rd, Smyrna, GA 30080

Thank you for joining us as we continue to inspire children to achieve their hope-filled dreams.

In faith,

Lesley-Ann Drake
Executive Director