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Dear

The brunt of COVID 19 is over! Thank the Lord the student's masks are beginning to be removed and hopefully, some normality has come! As a result, UYM and our Young Champion program is growing and influencing even more children across our city.

Our program is now in three Boys and Girls Clubs: Lily, Wheeler-Dowe and Finish Line, with one more, Liberty, to begin in March. Overall, Young Champions is serving in twenty-one public schools, and an additional two hundred students through these four Clubs.

Every time we begin a new Club it costs \$1,600.00 to supply every child with the books and the curriculum they need for success. In addition, \$60.00 per week is used on candy to reward the students for good behavior.

Below are some testimonies from the kids themselves and staff about what they are learning:

1. "The *MICE with the Frog and Squirrel with the Acorn* is telling me the importance of sharing."
2. "I like this image of *The Ants* because of the nice colors."
3. "All the images are so nice."
4. "Can you come every day?"
5. "I like the story *My day of Birth*."
6. "This image of *The Harvest of Love* is telling me that married couples can get through hardships together."
7. "I love the story *Mr. Green and Mr. Red*."
8. "The story *My day of Birth* is a sound like a positive rap song."
9. "I like *The Ants* and *Leo the Lion* book."
10. "In the book *Blackenstein* it is asking are you a monster in your community?"
11. "Leo is a bully because he is using a bird to clean his teeth."
12. "Can we sing Holy Spirit Activate?"
13. "If there is problem, the best thing to do is walk away."
14. "Being kind is what we all should do."
15. "I love reading these stories."
16. "I love the image of *Mysterious Monster Footprints in the Front Yard* because it looks

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scarier.”

17. “I like *Monsters in the Basement* image because it has Black people in the story.”
18. “I like discussing problem solving.”
19. “Have I been good today?”
20. “I like praying.”
21. “Can we talk about the Bible more?”
22. “The children love the program.”
23. “We appreciate what you do for the children.”
24. “The children always are ready to start the program.”
25. “The parents are happy about the program.”

As you can see, together we are making a significant difference in many lives. Thank you for your help. Our program is growing, and our budgets are expanding to keep up with the demand for our Young Champion program.

God bless!

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