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To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept our endorsement of the World Children's Choir support proposal, regarding their August 2010 efforts in Jordan. Their talented young singers and skillful, visionary leadership utilize arts as a means to promote peace building – central to the work and mission of Friendship Ambassadors Foundation and why we have collaborated on several projects with our colleagues at WCC in the past. We thank you for your most generous support for their current youth-based music exchange proposal.

Ms. Sondra Harnes and the World Children's Choir have been long time partners with the foundation on a variety of efforts that enable mutual understanding through a global cooperation focused on the arts and culture, rather than business, religion, or politics. It permits our youth to lead us into deeper and richer alliances in the future.

In the past, the WCC and FAF co-sponsored the World Childrens Peace Camp in Timisoara, Romania, just at the end of the Balkan Wars. It was also part of the foundation's work for the UNESCO Decade for the Culture of Peace. (FAF is an NGO in Operational Relations with UNESCO and formally affiliated with the United Nations Department of Public Information). At the UN, FAF began the very successful Youth Assembly at the United Nations, now in its 7th season. The WCC performed at its first major event and brought media and youth attention to our work from youth throughout the world. Now, building upon each other's efforts in the region, in Washington DC, and at the United Nations, both organizations turn their long-term attention to Jordan. Both NGOs passionately agree that creating long term, sustainable music programmes and meaningful, ongoing, cultural youth exchange between our peoples will lead to better relationships and a more peaceful world overall.

We are happy to support and facilitate this project, as part of our latest collaborative engagement. We all recognize the soft power of the United States and since the new Administration was elected, there has grown a renewed respect for the symbol behind what the WCC proposes to accomplish. We strongly urge your most serious consideration of support for their work and mission.

Thank you in advance for your consideration; we invite a meeting with you to elaborate on further details, at your request and in order to further encourage your financial support for this effort in 2010.

Sincerely,

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