

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Berrett,

My name is Daniel Ward and I am a sophomore at California State University Fresno, a member of the Smittcamp Family Honors College and a Richter Center Ambassador. I am very involved with community service at the University and have taken part in myriad projects during my two years as a student, including Make-A-Difference Day, Serving Fresno Day, the Alternative Spring Break program, continued volunteering at the Bulldog Pantry, and various others.

Growing up in the Fresno area, I am now keenly aware of how great a role the community played in shaping who I am today. Therefore, I consider it a duty and a civic responsibility to do the best I can in making positive impacts in the lives of other residents of the Central Valley. This realization has manifested itself into a passion for service; every single time that I am able to perform a charitable deed or engage in community service, I have the most fulfilling experiences. I truly enjoy helping others who have fallen upon hard times or just need a helping hand to get themselves back up on their feet. The hard work involved in putting together a successful event, and the many long hours of planning pale in comparison to the satisfaction of knowing that a positive impact was made in the life of a (more-likely-than-not) complete stranger. I am a firm believer in doing unto others, as I would have them do unto me. It is a simple rule to live by, but one with profound implications.

I'd like to take the time to express my extreme gratitude for your benevolence in creating the Friends for Civic Engagement fund and for generously donating to it. As I mentioned above, I had the opportunity to participate in the Alternative Spring Break program last year with the team that served at Rotary Storyland and Playland. It is my understanding that much of what we did during ASB was made possible by the Friends for Civic Engagement fund, and I am so very glad that we had sufficient monies to complete all the much-needed restoration and beautification of a Fresno landmark. And as a Richter Center Ambassador, I know that many of the projects

that we put together to engage the general Fresno State population are funded in the same way.

I speak for many like-minded volunteers at Fresno State when I say that your generous contribution and investment in the community goes a long way in making a tangible difference in the Valley. We hope that you can continue to altruistically give to the Friends for Civic Engagement fund, so that groups on campus can continue to reach those we so desire to help. Thank you so very much for your benevolence.

Sincerely,

Daniel L. Ward