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Dear Alan,

Thank you so much for taking the time to prepare and bring your choir all the way to New York to sing at this year's *Gandhi-King-Chavez Season for Nonviolence* event at the United Nations on March 12th.

The choir was magnificent because their souls shine through their music. The hope and the love that they radiate touched us all so deeply. As was evidenced by the spontaneous standing ovation you received from the young audience, I don't think there was a person in the room who did not walk away changed forever in the way they will look at "others."

The spirit of your group is just awesome. This is indeed, a special choir that personifies action for peace and social justice, appreciation of diversity, and the power of young individuals to make a difference. We feel fortunate that you were able to join our event, enabling us to successfully inspire nearly 700 other young people!

Each one of us left the event with great admiration for what you, Alan, have done, and for what this choir represents. Congratulations on your compassionate spirit and successful efforts to lead youth in building a new culture of peace and nonviolence.

Best wishes,

Alison Van Dyk
Executive Director