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Dear <<RABBI NAME>>:

We invite you to nominate a few students from your synagogue for participation in next year's **Community Youth Foundation**. The enclosed article describes the Youth Foundation, a special program that teaches young people about the importance of giving *tzedakah* and making informed philanthropic decisions.

We are looking for students who:

- have completed their *B'nai Mitzvah*, are entering 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grades in the fall of 2002, and are continuing their formal Jewish education.
- have a knowledge of and appreciation for *tzedakah*, demonstrated by active involvement in synagogue, youth group, and/or community-wide social action projects.
- are mature and articulate – they will be interviewing prospective grantees from the community.
- would be willing to contribute a minimum of \$36 of their own money (i.e. allowance, *bar/bat mitzvah* gift, baby-sitting, paper route, etc.). This amount may be enhanced by contributions from the participants and/or their parents, grandparents, etc.
- are willing to share their experiences with their classes, youth groups, congregations and the Jewish community.

Please fax (858-279-6105) or e-mail ([gail@jcfsandiego.org](mailto:gail@jcfsandiego.org)) the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the students you have chosen by Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>

We look forward to working with you in building future leaders for our community. Thank you very much for your help as we begin to plan for our sixth year.

May 21, 2002