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Dear Loyal Leo,

The mission of every college and university is to educate and prepare their students for a successful career in their chosen field, but at the University of La Verne, our founding values guide us in further encouraging our students to seek a deep commitment to improving and enhancing local, regional, and global communities.

Through your generous support of ULV and the work of the Office of Civic and Community Engagement, the university goes beyond career preparation to lay the groundwork for our students to become socially engaged leaders by equipping them with the tools, resources, and experiences that shape them. We create impactful programs, uplift individuals, bridge diverse populations, strengthen neighborhoods, and inspire civic participation that benefits communities both near and far.

In fact, over the past ten years, 14,688 ULV students have contributed 135,655 total hours to 30,556 community service projects, representing \$5,485,339 in estimated value to our communities! While these numbers reflect the tremendous impact our students have made on the communities they serve, we are especially driven by the impact these experiences have on our students themselves.

Through serving their communities, our students develop a sense of social responsibility, learn about different cultures, and provide solutions for systemic problems. In the process, they foster practical leadership, communication, teamwork, and problem-solving skills, as well as increased feelings of purpose, fulfillment, and belonging. Further, these hands-on experiences strengthen their resumes and graduate school applications, enrich their academic and career success, and expose them to potential career paths and professional networks.

Because of you, the University of La Verne can provide these high-quality educational experiences for our students both inside and outside the classroom and enable our students to become alumni who are successful both in their careers and in their communities. As a result, ULV alumni serve as corporate CEOs as well as non-profit board members, school superintendents as well as PTA presidents, and restaurant owners as well as soup kitchen organizers.

Together with your assistance, we look forward to continuing this important work. Thank you for believing in our mission, championing our values, and providing your support as we strive for a stronger, more connected community.

With sincere appreciation,

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