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KING-CHÁVEZ HIGH SCHOOL



MAKING HISTORY

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To Whom It May Concern:

I, Jocelyn Threatt, am writing to you on behalf of the Italian Language Classes at King Chavez High School, a public charter school in downtown San Diego. Our high school serves the underrepresented population of students from Barrio Logan. KCHS opened in response to a need for a local school due to the fact that nearly 60 percent of Barrio children were bused out of the neighborhood in order to attend school. We are a local school with a global mission – our mission is for all our students to leave King Chavez prepared for college or the workforce. We strive to open doors, and expand their horizons in ways that may not have ever been possible for them otherwise. As a part of this mission, we are excited to begin an exchange program with a high school in Bologna, Italy beginning in the fall of 2013.

As the Italian teacher, I have been working closely with families in the town of Bologna to find homestay possibilities and plan day trips to Italy's historic and artistic meccas. This is an experience that none of my students have ever had; many of them have never set foot on an airplane, let alone flown across the Atlantic. We are breaking new ground, opening our minds to a different culture, way of life, and of course, language because the most authentic learning happens while wandering streets, getting lost, speaking with locals, and having to literally "figure it out" in the moment.

In order for my students to have this unique opportunity, we need your help. There are a total of forty students currently in their second year of Italian. Of these students, only five have been able to make the financial commitment as of now. There are several ways you can help:

- Make a monetary donation to reduce the trip cost of all students
- Sponsor a specific student by covering their trip costs (\$1,600.00)
- Hold a special fundraiser day where a percentage of the profit goes to benefit our students (we would advertise and print flyers for this)
- Start an endowment where money is set aside to support this program annually

Your donation will be tax deductible, our tax ID# is: 91-2146810.

I would like to thank you for considering our request and becoming part of this life changing experience for these students. If you have any queries regarding our itinerary, our Italian program, or our organization as a whole, please feel free to contact me at the address given above or at jthreatt@kingchavez.org. You are even welcome to walk-in to our school and take a tour of our Italian class and discuss the program more in depth. We will gladly show you around and have you meet our talented students.

Thank you,

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