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Greetings all:

One of the most enduring memories I have from my first year of college involves Janet and seven of our fellow freshmen. Motivated by late-night cravings for processed cheese and saturated fats, the nine of us contorted ourselves into Janet's standard-sized sedan and proceeded to make a dramatic midnight run for the border—Taco Bell. After eluding Palo Alto's Finest, we arrived at our destination and promptly gorged ourselves on bean burritos and taco grease. A fine time was had by all...even the guy we had to stuff into the car's trunk (David).

It's hard to believe that a dozen years have passed since then and that Janet would have turned 30 this month (September 13th). Although Janet is no longer with us, in some ways she is still driving us today—not in her blue Toyota Camry, but through the imprint she left on our lives. Earlier this year, several veterans of that midnight taco run (along with others) formed The Janet Aiko Sekiguchi Foundation (JASF) to serve as a vehicle for honoring her memory. Through JASF, we hope to fulfill Janet's passion for urban ministry, racial reconciliation, and social justice.

At the time of our first mailing in April, we were in the midst of applying for tax-exempt status. I am pleased to report that the IRS has granted this to JASF. We are now preparing to award the Foundation's first grant to Matt Davis, a teacher at Los Angeles Christian School (LACS). A recent graduate of Pepperdine University, Matt has been a volunteer with LACS for four years. LACS aims to support urban families and equip students for a life of discipleship by helping them develop academic competence, Christian character, and self-confidence. Matt is serving LACS through World Impact, a Christian missions organization dedicated to ministering God's love in the inner cities of America—an organization and purpose that resonated deeply with Janet. We invite you to read more about Matt at the JASF website, janetsekiguchi.com.

We are proud to have Matt as our first grantee and hope that he will be the first of many. We would like to establish a permanent endowment that will be able to sustain the work of JASF in perpetuity. Although such a destination is a long way off right now, we believe it is a worthwhile goal. Your thoughts, your input, and of course your financial gift of any size would be most welcomed (and tax-deductible!). Won't you join us for the ride?

On behalf of the JASF Board, I want to thank you for your time and attention, and, above all else, for being someone important in Janet's life.

Sincerely,

Andrew Wong

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