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Dear Seamus,

On behalf of Concern Worldwide, we are most grateful for the incredible support received from the members of the Ireland Network. Your raffle held at the 9th Annual Ireland Network Chicago Ball was a tremendous success! You and the steering committee should be very proud of the generosity exhibited by your members, especially with regard to state of our economy.

Thank you for selecting Concern Worldwide to be the Ireland Network's charity of choice this year. It was our privilege to have been selected as the beneficiary. I know how hard everyone worked to promote the raffle, as it was a nerve-wrecking experience not knowing if it would succeed. As it turned out, the raffle idea was brilliant! During the reception at the Drake Hotel, I was truly impressed by everyone's energy, enthusiasm and generosity during the ticket sales.

Please know that all of the proceeds will be used to support Concern's primary education programs in Kenya, Malawi, Niger and Pakistan. Concern places great emphasis on the quality of education that students receive. We recognize that returns on education are strongly related to improved health and economic growth. Without basic education, children in the developing world will remain trapped in the cycle of poverty. Concern aims to improve access to education especially for girls and working children. We collaborate with communities to renovate schools, train teachers, develop curriculum, and provide books, desks and other essential learning materials for students.

In August, I will provide you with a detailed report of the impact made with the Ireland Network's donation. Thank you very much for your kindness and generosity.

Sincerely,



Mary Ellen Johnston
Regional Director

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for your
interest in our
work!

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