Dear **(INSERT NAME)**,

The Appa Volunteers Program is one of the oldest and largest service groups sponsored by Boston College and is housed in the office of Campus Ministry. Our program explores the intersection of social justice and faith, culminating in spring break service-immersion trips that travel to 32 at-need communities across the Appalachian region and beyond. I plan to be one of the 450 Boston College students embarking on an alternative spring break trip this March. Your help, in the form of a donation, can make this possible for me.

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* **Returners: WHAT APPA MEANS TO ME**
* **New Participants: WHY I JOINED APPA**

Appa depends on the generosity of family, friends, and other donors who believe in our mission. Each year, we must raise over **$300,000** to cover the costs of our 32 trips in service to our mission of loving, learning, and serving in Appalachia and beyond. Without your support, we would be unable to live out the Jesuit ideal of living in service of others and sharing the stories of the individuals we encounter. Every contribution is deeply appreciated as we move towards our yearly goal, and your support goes directly towards the cost of my experience.

Instructions on How to Donate:

* Please visit [www.bc.edu/giveumm](http://www.bc.edu/giveumm) and fill out the form
  + Before entering your “Payment Details” please notice two important fields:
    - “I wish to make my gift to”: select *Appalachia Volunteers*
    - “I wish to dedicate my gift”: select *In honor of a BC student*
* You can also donate via check, payable to Boston College Campus Ministry. Please include “Appalachia” and my name in the memo line. Checks can be mailed to:

Boston College

Campus Ministry – Appalachia Volunteers

McElroy 233

140 Commonwealth Avenue

Chestnut Hill, MA 02467

Last year the generosity of our donors allowed us to purchase flights to 28 locations, buses to 9 others, and accommodations with 37 community partners, including lodging, meals, and transportation throughout the week. Each year we also make small donations to the many organizations we work with in gratitude for their partnership.

Donations are tax exempt. Boston College is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit under the umbrella of the Trustees of Boston College. Many employers sponsor matching gift programs and will match charitable contributions made by employees. To find out if your company has a matching gift policy, visit [www.matchinggifts.com/bc](http://www.matchinggifts.com/bc).

I invite you to learn about our program by visiting [www.bc.edu/appa](http://www.bc.edu/appa). Thank you for your generosity and support in empowering us to love, learn, and serve in Appalachia and beyond.

Sincerely,

**YOUR NAME**