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Dear Friends:

Students Helping Achieve Philanthropic Excellence, (SHAPE), is an innovative volunteer program geared toward educating and empowering Florida's youth. The mission of SHAPE is "Engaging high school students in philanthropic and leadership activities to positively impact the quality of life within their communities." SHAPE is currently operating successful programs in Florida's schools, and has generated an enthusiastic response from school administrators, county school boards, and community leaders. The program is rapidly gaining momentum and is on the brink of a new and exciting nationwide movement in youth philanthropy.

The program is designed to mentor today's high school students as they become tomorrow's leaders. SHAPE empowers students to impact their communities and enrich their own lives by teaching them essential philanthropic skills. By volunteering in SHAPE, students gain experience in philanthropy, community service, and leadership. They come to understand and address the wide range of needs of their schools and communities. Partnerships are formed between the students, the schools, and the community to create "mini-foundations." Funds provided by SHAPE are bestowed as grants by the students to charities, benefiting the local participating communities.

The SHAPE program also benefits society. Philanthropy lays the foundation in young people for civic activism for the rest of their lives. In addition to leading to positive social changes, philanthropic action teaches young people to set aside their self-interest for the benefit of others. It cultivates a commitment to community that prepares them to carry on the democratic tradition of private citizens working for the common good.

SHAPE is committed to pursuing its vision of strengthening our communities by empowering and mentoring young philanthropists. I invite you to become involved at the local level and support this inspirational program in your area high school. Help us lead the State of Florida to a new and deeper commitment to building our communities and shaping tomorrow's leaders.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeb Bush".

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