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**What does travel mean to you?**

Dear [Name]:

Can you imagine a time when travel wasn’t in your life?

For Adrian, travel was only a luxury he had heard of but never dreamed he could experience. Adrian’s life was turned upside down, when, at the age of seven his mother was incarcerated and he went to live with his grandparents. Both grandparents died within a short time of becoming his guardians. Following their deaths, Adrian went from being a happy child living in Florida to being sent to California to live with relatives he had never met.

Adrian and his story inspired his teacher in California to nominate him to receive a Road Scholarship from the SYTA Youth Foundation (SYF). After receiving the scholarship, he traveled to Boston and New York City with his classmates. In a thank you letter to SYF, Adrian stated: *Without the scholarship, I might not have been able to go on the trip. I was able to learn and see things that I thought I wouldn't be able to.*

Stories of the transformative power of travel, like Adrian’s, are only possible because of our generous donors. With their support, SYF has helped more than 3,500+ youth travel discover, learn and grow in ways that they never dreamed.

As always though, we have more work to do! In the past, SYF has only been able to award approximately 12% of all scholarship requests it receives. On behalf of these deserving kids, I ask you to join me in supporting SYF with your donation.

Thank you in advance for helping us send a powerful message about your belief in the power of educational travel. Please visit our website at sytayouthfoundation.org to make a donation.

With deepest gratitude,

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