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Dear Friends of the Edina A Better Chance Foundation:

We hope that the joy of the holiday season will embrace you for what is in store for 2010. While the past year has been challenging in many respects, we are thankful for the part you have played in helping to provide our Edina scholars with the advantages of a quality education.

Your generous financial commitment to Edina A Better Chance ensures that our scholars have the tools needed to be “the best they can be.” For more than 35 years, your contributions have helped open the door to learning opportunities for academically talented, disadvantaged youth. These scholars have the courage and motivation to venture hundreds of miles from home to take advantage of a very supportive and nurturing educational environment in Edina. The following excerpts come from a letter written by one of our recent scholars who currently attends the University of Southern California (USC):

“Before I became an ABC scholar, I attended a school where many of my peers portrayed themselves to be dangerous by assaulting and robbing people. During my junior year, a gang of about 20 people stabbed and robbed me while I was playing basketball at a public playground. Later, I realized that I could have died that day. My family and I decided that the best solution was to apply to A Better Chance. I was accepted to the Edina program. I left my family in New York to go live and study in Minnesota for a better education. At Edina, I have had the opportunity to challenge myself, taking many Advanced Placement courses. I deeply appreciate all of the support Edina ABC has received. I hope the support continues, so more students can have a better chance.”

This letter encapsulates what the program is all about. The Edina chapter of A Better Chance is recognized as one of the strongest in the country. Not only was the Edina program the first in the country to graduate 100 scholars, but its alumni have attended prestigious universities such as Brown, Marquette, Ohio State, Stanford, UCLA, and USC.

Edina A Better Chance relies solely on individual and corporate contributions, which make such a difference in shaping the futures of these scholars. Your gift can help in so many ways: a \$200 gift provides groceries for the Edina ABC Boys’ House for one week and a \$500 donation covers the monthly utilities per house. Donations, made payable to “Edina A Better Chance,” can be sent to Sherry Nuness, 6754 Valley View Road, Edina, MN 55439. We thank you for your gift!

Season’s Greetings,

David Litteken, *Board Chair*

Sherry Nuness, *Executive Director*

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Save the date! Gala is April 17, 2010 at Edina Country Club.