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Dear <<FIRST NAME>>,

Happy spring! I am eager to share a snapshot of what City Year Boston has accomplished this school year thanks to generous champions like you. With a City Year mentor in their corner, 12,000 students in the Boston Public Schools know that they're capable of great things in school and in their futures. Your continued investment of \$<AskAmt> will drive the impact of our dedicated AmeriCorps members, leading to increased student achievement.

What does added time with a mentor do for a student? Michael* is a funny, smart, fifth-grade student who is attentive in class and knows how to manage his emotions. But several months ago, things were very different for him.

Michael was struggling in school when AmeriCorps member Sam began working with him. Michael's attendance was poor because of a challenging commute, and when he did go to school, he acted out in class. Sam first focused on gaining Michael's trust. She made connections with him through their love of soccer, shared family values, and favorite foods.

When Michael was frustrated or sad, Sam shared with him the ways that she dealt with difficult emotions, such as journaling and breathing techniques. Michael appreciated Sam's honesty that even adults get angry and upset, and he began to try her strategies out himself.

"I saw a completely different student than the one at the beginning of the year. I was - and am still - so proud of him because he put in all the work."

- SAM, CITY YEAR **AMERICORPS MEMBER**

Sam also helped Michael find a shorter route to school and create a morning routine that worked for him. With time and trust, his attendance improved and he listened to her ideas for setting goals in school. Michael is an English Language Learner, and his improved behavior helped the pair focus more time on his language skills. Since they've worked together, Michael has improved his fluency, reading, and critical thinking skills.

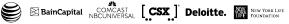
























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Thank you for your ongoing commitment to City Year Boston. Together, we can provide greater support to the students who need it most and prepare them for future success.

Yours in service,

Sandra Lopez Burke Vice President and Executive Director City Year Boston

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*student named changed to protect privacy

