Dear *[Name]*,

The disruptions of this year continue to remind me of the value of connection through caring relationships. With so much changing as we navigate 2020, I am thankful for my community’s support.

What has not changed this year is our AmeriCorps members’ commitment to their students and helping them to learn, grow and strive—their dedication is stronger than ever. When our students started their school year, a City Year AmeriCorps member was in their virtual classroom to help create a trusting relationship and a learning environment built on belonging and a love of learning. These are all things we know a student needs to be successful.

We are grateful for your past support. Thanks to champions like you, City Year has been able to deploy 116 AmeriCorps members to serve in 11 Detroit schools this year. These 18-25-year-olds are providing social, emotional and academic support to more than 7,000 students. Even during this unprecedented time of disruption in the schooling of our children due to COVID-19, we know students continue to dream big and strive for academic success. These students need people who believe in their future—because students living in systemically under-resourced communities face even greater challenges as they return to school.

City Year’s work is more important than ever in helping students reconnect with their school community, re-engage in their learning and recover from learning loss. And we need engaged community leaders like you to invest in our work.

Would you please consider supporting us again? Your gift helps ensure that our students continue to have the support of AmeriCorps members as part of their school day. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours in service,

*[Executive Director signature]*