Dear New Group Leader:

Thank you and welcome to the RESULTS community! We are grateful for your participation in RESULTS and realize without you none of the great work we do would be possible. The RESULTS community is one based on the principles of a world that recognizes the rights and dignity of all people. It is through RESULTS that many of us lost our cynicism about government and came to realize that without using our voices as a powerful force for social change things would indeed remain the same.

We encourage all of you, whether seasoned RESULTS veterans or new RESULTS advocates to push yourselves to continue to grow into the community leaders that you are. We encourage you to learn deeply about the issues surrounding hunger and poverty and to practice speaking those issues so that we become fountains of knowledge and credibility within our communities. As advocates for the end of hunger and poverty both here and abroad, we refuse to stand silently by while others suffer, particularly when we have the tools at our feet to make a difference.

All of you are activists in the greatest sense of the word: you are expressing your deepest values, your deepest hopes and desires by bringing a voice to the voiceless. Each day you are breaking through the myths that hold our political leaders, our friends and those in the media hostage to a world that doesn’t work, a world filled with hopelessness and despair. Each day you are showing them that the poor are neither hopeless nor helpless. You are educating them that what those living with poverty want and need is opportunity and access. The task seems monumental, but we will build a brighter future for all the world’s children.

At its core RESULTS is about democracy, about persons reclaiming their democracy. We are citizens coming together and raising our voices for a society based on social justice and equal opportunity. We can live in a world that matches our wildest dreams and our deepest desires. We can live in a world that is free of the most devastating aspects of poverty.

It is truly a privilege to work with you and for you. Thank you for your vision, your leadership and your passion.

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