

CONCORDIA LANGUAGE VILLAGES

Dear <<Preferred Mailing Name>>,

Summer at the Concordia Language Villages has come to an end, but we're already looking ahead to next year and welcoming the next generation of villagers.

We believe that the cost of camp should not stand between a young person and the opportunity to experience the transformational power of language and cultural immersion. **Through our Passport Scholarship Fund, we help make the CLV experience possible for families who might not otherwise be able to participate.**

This year, we were able to award scholarships to **87% of villagers who applied for assistance**. Next summer, we want to do even more. **Our goal is to ensure that every qualified villager who applies for scholarship support has the opportunity to attend. Your gift to the Passport Scholarship Fund is greatly appreciated. Here are just a few of the thank you letters we have received so far this year.**

> "Thank you for making Concordia Chinese camp possible for me to attend by providing a generous scholarship. **I made lots of new friends and my Chinese language skills improved tremendously!** A couple favorite memories will always be reciting old Chinese poems and the paper cutting activity class. I have been in Chinese immersion since kindergarten, and this camp has inspired me to keep learning Chinese in high school."

> "My gratitude is endless for your donation that made *Lac du Bois* feasible for my family this year. **Being at camp this summer felt like four weeks of magic.** I saw old friends and bloomed new friendships that will stay strong and special to me forever. I flourished in advanced French courses full of rigor which made me not only a better French speaker but also a more conscious and better person. **Additionally, I had TONS of fun, whether it was putting myself out there by performing skits, announcements or *"Plaisirs d'Amour,"* the beloved soap opera at *Lac du Bois*.** I tried countless new things, especially in the food category. My

favorite meal was Burundian *ugali* with superb chicken stew to go with it. I have been craving that meal every day since I left *Lac du Bois*. This summer, I also realized that I want to become a *mono* (counselor) in the upcoming years. All of the *monos* carry a loving, infectious joy. I formed so many meaningful bonds with the *monos*. The beautiful essence of *Lac du Bois* lives in them, inspiring me (and many other villagers) to pursue becoming a *mono*. **All the lessons taught and memories made are a gift that will keep giving, through many aspects of my life, whether academic or social. LDB couldn't have been possible without your generous donation and I thank you from the bottom of my heart."**

"Thank you so much for this scholarship. I love *Skogfjorden* an extreme amount and this scholarship helps make it easier to go and enjoy the camp! My favorite parts of *Skogfjorden* are making friends, learning the language, and living the Norwegian lifestyle. **Everyone is so nice there, the immersive activities help me learn so well, and because of *Skogfjorden* I want to live in Norway even more! Again, thank you so much for helping me do *Skogfjorden! Takk for din generositet!"***

We are grateful for your past support of CLV and hope you consider joining us this year with a gift to the Passport Scholarship Fund**. Your gift to the Passport Scholarship Fund will open the door for villagers who are passionate about language and culture. Thank you for investing in future courageous global citizens!**

Sincerely,

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Advancement Specialist

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