

December 25, 2004

Dear Charity/Organization:

It is my pleasure to mail you a student's original work and a \$25 donation to your charity thanks to a program called ***Charity Checks!***

At Kappa 2, M.S. 317 in East Harlem, students between the grades of 6 and 7 learned the "gift of giving" through this great opportunity! During our Novels/Writing class, these students worked on several assignments that helped them:

- a) research and find an issue/cause that personally touches them
- b) research and find an organization within the Harlem community that fights for their chosen cause
- c) work on several written assignments that will expand their knowledge of their chosen cause and its effects citywide, nationwide and globally
- d) present their final work to their chosen charities

Charity Checks is a non-profit organization whose mission is to teach students that philanthropy is an act that anyone, regardless of age, can take. They find a sponsor for the class, and at the end of the project, they come to our school presenting each child with a \$25 gift check that your child will then send to the charity of his/her choice.

Kappa 2 is the first school in the East Coast that ***Charity Checks*** worked with. Most of the schools they have worked with in the past are in the Mid-West and West Coasts. This is truly a wonderful opportunity!

I hope you do enjoy this packet of original work. You will find a letter written by the student, a poem, a list of organizations in the city that fight for their chosen cause, and an ad that you are welcome to use within your building!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 212-828-6892 or at elee12@nycboe.net.

Sincerely,

Ms. Esther Oksorie Lee
Assistant Director