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Dear Friends:

As the Mayor of Coronado and as a teacher at Coronado High School, I am an advocate for people both near and far to pursue an education and to explore and polish their talents to see where their abilities and passion will take them. Therefore, it is with great excitement that I support the efforts of "Gonna Go to Ghana."

In June 2011, students from Coronado High School will be traveling to the district of Tongu, Ghana, West Africa. They are going with the goal of providing the local school with two indispensable needs: classroom desks and a basic computer center. The student volunteers will also be engaging in individual volunteer projects ranging from making a documentary to painting educational murals in local primary schools.

The people of Coronado have consistently shown their commitment to youth and to the education of our children, and I see this project as a unique opportunity for us to reach out globally - to aid in the education of people in Ghana while also providing an opportunity to Coronado's young people to learn about the world around them and to educate themselves in the process. I think this trip is a once in a lifetime opportunity for our students and I believe that your support could make the difference between a life enriched versus an opportunity permanently lost. Therefore, I am extending a personal invitation to you to support the "Gonna Go to Ghana" group in any way that you can.

With warmest regards,

Casey Tanaka
Mayor of Coronado