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The Village Mentoring Organization

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Dear Boloco,

I am writing you today on behalf of The DREAM Program, a non-profit mentoring program that pairs college students with children from low-income housing communities. DREAM is a very active organization in Chittenden County, and our volunteer mentors from UVM, St. Michael's and Champlain College spend countless hours each week planning, organizing, and following through with enriching activities that help underserved children grow and realize their potential. DREAM is also a regional mentoring program, pairing over 300 children throughout Vermont and in Boston in one-to-one relationships with dedicated student mentors from Middlebury, Green Mountain College, Dartmouth, Norwich, Castleton State, Bennington, Boston University and Northeastern.

With the advent of a new school year upon us, DREAM is planning a 2-day mentor conference called DREAMstock to get our mentors off to a good start. The goals of DREAMstock are to help mentors strengthen and develop their respective DREAM programs in order to more effectively serve participating youth. The conference will take place on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at Camp DREAM, and will provide approximately 60 mentors with educational sessions on topics such as diversity and inclusion, child management, and Local Program leadership and meetings. This conference also serves as an opportunity for mentors from different colleges to network with one another, and to discuss with a diverse pool of passionate mentors issues they face within their own programs.

In order to make this event more successful, we are seeking a donation of 160 large flour tortillas. We see this as a great opportunity to continue our partnership with Boloco, and endorse your company for your previous support, including the 12 Days of Caring initiative in 2009. Your donation would go a long way toward making DREAMstock 2010 a success. In return, we will happily put in a plug for Boloco to our mentors, many of whom go to college in the Burlington area, Hanover, NH, and Boston – all locations of Boloco shops. We would also gladly distribute any kinds of promotional coupons or materials you may have. We look forward to continuing this great partnership.

Please let us know if you can help, and do not hesitate to contact us with questions!

Sincerely,

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