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Dear «Constituent\_PREFERRED\_Name»,

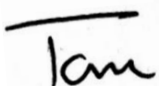
As we approach the end of 2017 and the beginning of a new year, it seems worth taking a moment to reflect on all the good Sandy Spring Friends School students, families, and alumni do in the world. After twelve months in which national and global challenges have sometimes seemed unceasing, it is inspiring to *know*—with absolute certainty—that this school and its students hold the potential to make the world a better place through acts large and small.

We are unshakably certain that the lessons Sandy Spring Friends School graduates learn are the best possible preparation for the world into which they launch, eager and unafraid to create change. Respect, communication, creativity, resilience, collaboration *and* independence, and a commitment to looking first for the good in each individual: how can young people leaving SSFS with these essential traits be anything other than our best hope for a more peaceful, just, and healthy world?

***Annual Fund gifts of all sizes help to make this enormous force for good possible.*** Contributions to the Annual Fund help to make possible a financial aid program that makes our school community incredibly, wonderfully diverse. They support faculty members whose commitment to their students could never be confined to the hours of the school day, whose roles as mentors form a critical part of their identity. Annual Fund gifts underwrite the experiences by which SSFS students learn outside the classroom: intersession trips domestic and international; service projects involving students from pre-K through grade 12; arts and athletic programs that require students to take risks, learn from failure, and cheer their peers' success; and so much more. And, alumni Annual Fund participation—at all levels!—conveys loud and clear the passion that SSFS alumni feel for the School's mission and purpose.

**Please consider making a gift to this year's Annual Fund, either at [www.ssfs.org/donate](http://www.ssfs.org/donate) or by using the enclosed envelope.** Most of all, please know how deeply this community appreciates your care. Your generosity is a powerful statement of faith in SSFS's students, teachers, and mission, and we are truly grateful.

Sincerely,



Tom Gibian  
Head of School



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