Dear Friends,

We are extremely excited by the news we have had to share with you this year. The Progress Program continues to build partnerships among amazing young people from diverse communities around the world. We are especially proud of our new program in the San Francisco Bay Area and the continued expansion of our UP curriculum in New York and New Jersey.

In the San Francisco Bay Area, two inter-school fieldtrips will meet. Similar to NY/NJ both engagements have been very successful. The students ever entered a synagogue. For the students, who looked closely over his shoulder at the Qur'an as students sat listening intently on the floor of the mosque. After sharing some pizza, students walked to the Park Avenue Synagogue where they were greeted by Rabbi Michael Graetz. Rabbi Graetz spoke about American Muslims and first generation Muslims of South Asian, African, and Middle Eastern communities. For the first time, we include this appeal in our programming this year. The Unity Programs continue to engage the ‘other’ with depth and compassion. It is long past time to end cycles of violence between and within these communities. For the first time, we include this appeal in our programming this year. The Unity Programs continue to engage the ‘other’ with depth and compassion. It is long past time to end cycles of violence between and within these communities.

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HOW ARE WE DIFFERENT?

Abraham’s Vision is a conflict transformation organization that explores group and individual identities through experiential and political education. Examining social relations within and between the Jewish, Muslim, Israeli, and Palestinian communities, we empower participants to practice just alternatives to the status quo.

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit conflict transformation organization, dedicated to creating a new generation of leaders empowered and committed to improving our world. Our distinct vision is based on the following principles:

- **Equal Partnerships:** We are committed to equal partnerships across ethnic, religious, and gender lines. This commitment is reflected in our organizational structure as well as our long-term programs, workshops and presentations.
- **Experiential Learning:** We are committed to creative forms of education that both recognize the importance of content-based teaching and value individual and group participant experiences.
- **Encounters:** We approach inter-group encounters as a reflection of the political realities in which we live, utilizing them as a central element of our educational approach.
- **Political Education:** We focus on individual and collective relationships within current political realities, placing the relationship between individuals and groups at the center of the educational experience rather than analyzing political developments as something separate from students.