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Disaster Preparedness Project

Pleasant good morning Governor Haley,

I hope this letter finds you in good health as well as good spirits. Like you, I am also public spirited and a civic minded citizen. After getting laid off from my planning job at Low Country Council of Governments, I started substitute teaching. Well, I discovered many of the children here on the sea islands and coastal South Carolina could not swim. So in January 2013, I developed a disaster preparedness project for our island and coastal populations.

I integrated the Arts into a full disaster preparedness curriculum. In order to teach our children to respond quickly and most importantly to remove their fear (which hinders a quick response,) I created the character Winston. He sells coconuts and plays music along the beaches of the seven seas, however, Winston is really a disaster preparer. He narrates the stories, sings and dances with his two sidekicks Fishbone and Anchor. The project includes a series of nine illustrated stories, songs, dramatic monologues, lesson plans for educators, puppets, a singing disaster preparedness doll and a board game.

I am submitting for your review seven completed books and I have paired the cds with the books.

For the past two years I have used personal funds but these have now been depleted. If you are able to offer support, (or refer me to someone who can) I am requesting a few dollars the illustrator needs to make a few corrections necessary, and for an editor to proofread the books. Also I am requesting help to distribute the books and cds to our coastal populations . None of the funds go to me but will go to the vendors. We can save many lives.

I believe that citizens all over the US and its territories will benefit from you assisting with this humanitarian project. There are thousands of people who live on hazard prone coasts throughout America, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Guam. Each family, especially our children need to have some type of disaster preparedness instructional in the household.

I appreciate your time and serious consideration to this matter.

Enjoy your day, Governor Haley.

Appealing to you,



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