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Dear Mark:

On behalf of all at World ORT, we would like to thank the Jewish Federations of North America for your generous allocation of \$1.9 million towards our core unrestricted needs in 2020.

The fact that you were able not only to match but to exceed your original goal of \$1.8 million despite the challenging year that we have all experienced is a testament to the hard work, professionalism and expertise of all at JFNA.

World ORT is proud of its continued successful partnership with JFNA. With your support we have been able to provide a range of educational programs and services to our beneficiaries in Israel and around the world.

You help us to provide a range of vocational training and curricula, allied to our informal Jewish education and our supplemental services which ensure that no one misses out on educational opportunities due to lack of resources. Young and old, Jewish and non-Jewish, more than 300,000 people per year, across five continents are being handed the tools to build for themselves, their families and their communities successful, self-sufficient futures.

Not only that but our global network enables us to create opportunities for students, teachers and educators around the world to meet, to share and compare experiences and to form connections that will help widen their perspectives while also bringing communities closer together.

The Covid-19 pandemic has of course posed a new set of challenges with which we have all had to contend. At World ORT we quickly put on hold plans for our General Assembly and focussed instead on the rolling out of an emergency response for our students around the world. From scholarship support to provision of equipment for home learning; from teacher training to the running of extra-curricular activities, we have worked hard to ensure that all our beneficiaries continue to receive a seamless education, despite the potential obstacles that Covid placed in their path.

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Our ability to do this - and to continue to respond quickly to the varying needs of our schools and students around the world - is thanks to the support of all our donors but, in particular of JFNA. As we know all too well, the global Jewish community is rarely stronger and better than when it is working together in the face of adversity. The challenges of the past year are unprecedented but the manner in which we have all managed to show imagination, adaptability and most importantly cooperation in order to face down those challenges together is heartening.

We thank you for your invaluable support and look forward to continuing to work with you to safeguard and strengthen Jewish communities around the world.

With very best wishes,

Dr. Conrad Giles – World ORT President  
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