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Dear Friends of the World Youth Alliance,

Hello! My name is Janine Tutanés. I am 22 years old and was born and raised in Manila, Philippines. I graduated from De La Salle University-Manila with a degree in Political Science. After university, I worked as Executive Assistant to the CEO and Chairman of the Philippine Red Cross. This coming June 2014, I will continue my education by attending law school in the Philippines.

I became involved with WYA through a good friend from college. She shared with me the events, projects and programs of the Asia Pacific Office as well as WYA's stand on issues very relevant during that time in my country. I was attracted to the different ideas in WYA's training. After a year I applied to the WYA Asia Pacific internship where I received a concrete picture of human dignity, freedom, solidarity, and culture. I also discovered my passion for promoting the dignity of the person.

After graduating from university and working for the Philippine Red Cross, I found myself again applying for a WYA internship, this time at the New York Headquarters. I wanted to contribute my talent and energy to the promotion of human dignity on an international level. During my internship, my main task was to assist with organizing the 11th International Solidarity Forum on 'The Family: Backbone of Development.'

Working to help organize the ISF pushed me out of my comfort zone and taught me to be more detailed-oriented with my work. I learned to be a leader. Working on the ISF made me fully understand the mission and vision of WYA and all that the organization stands for.

During my stay, I also helped with the Manhattan International Film Festival and the WYA 15th Anniversary Ball. The Manhattan International Film Festival showed me that there is beauty in the culture of youth. It showed me the idealism of young people and why

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we have to work hard to protect it. The WYA Ball opened my eyes to the community that the World Youth Alliance has established over 15 years and I felt blessed to be with WYA.

After living in New York for 3 months, helping to organize the ISF, and meeting so many likeminded youth, I am truly grateful to you and to this organization for giving me an opportunity to give back. I will bring all that I have learned back home to my country and will continue to promote human dignity as I enter a new chapter of my life, studying law in the Philippines.

Yours Sincerely, Janine Tutanés

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