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Dear Jeffrey,

On Saturday, June 23rd, over 400 WriteGirl teens, families, volunteers and supporters gathered at the Writers Guild Theater to celebrate the completion of WriteGirl's 11th season and preview our upcoming anthology, *No Character Limit: Truth & Fiction from WriteGirl*. We've enclosed a gift copy for you. We concluded the event by honoring our seniors, all of whom have all been accepted into college and will be taking the skills and confidence they have acquired into the next chapter of their lives.

We write today to thank you for making this possible. It is one thing for our girls to have the support of our WriteGirl volunteers, but quite another for them to open their books and see the support of an entire community that believes in the power of their voices and wants to encourage them to pursue their dreams. Knowing that they have the support of people like you means that there will be others beyond our program that will value their words and their unique stories, and for that, we are eternally grateful.

This year has had several significant milestones. We launched a **new writing program for incarcerated teen girls** at the Road to Success Academy in Santa Clarita at Camp Scott and Camp Scudder, two adjacent probation facilities for youth. The mentors and teens have built remarkable bonds and we have seen stories revealed that have touched our hearts and we look forward to returning there next season. Our 2012 In-Schools anthology, *No Matter What*, captures the stories, poetry and essays from all teens in our In-Schools programs, including our new participants at the Road to Success Academy.

We also partnered with several civic institutions this season, which allowed us to host the Core Mentoring Program's monthly workshops at place like the **GRAMMY Museum** for the Songwriting Workshop, the **Los Angeles Times** for the Journalism Workshop and the **Museum of Contemporary Art** for the Character and Dialogue workshop. We are all hard at work this summer planning for our 12th Season and renewing a wide range of partnerships.

We are also proud to report that, **for the eleventh year in a row, every participating senior in the WriteGirl Core Mentoring Program has not only graduated from high school, but has also enrolled in college.** That 100% success rate is in sharp contrast to the 50% dropout rates at many of the large, urban high schools that our girls attend. It is also proof of the value of our program and the role it plays in their future successes. Many of our graduating teens received full or partial scholarships.

We have formed our alumnae into their own network of support, calling it our **Bold Futures** program. They gather online and at WriteGirl events, serving an invaluable service as role models for our high school girls. They intern in our office and receive critical professional development skills. We are excited to share the successes of some of our alumnae members with you: