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Dear Community Friend and Neighbor,

I am a member of the Youth Group at Central Square Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, in Bridgewater. Along with a dozen or so other youth and three adults, I will be volunteering a week of my summer vacation to do community service to help the less fortunate in Rutland, Vermont. Our group, sponsored through an organization called YouthWorks, will be serving residents by volunteering with organizations that serve the children, elderly, and homeless populations, along with other individuals or families that just need some help.

Though each participant will be contributing to part of the cost of travel, lodging, and food expenses, we are also seeking community sponsors to help us cover our costs so that we can help those less fortunate. Our lodging for the trip will be in a church local to the area with sleeping accommodations on the floor. During the day we will be assisting the various organizations and people of the community in the most need. In the evening we will explore the community and learn about the people who live in this area, and the challenges they face. Also, within our group, we reflect on our responsibility as Christians to be part of the solution.

I would like to invite you to support this community service project by donating an item, gift basket, or gift certificate for our Silent Auction and Pick-a-Prize Raffle, to be held during our Mission Dinner fundraising event on March 21, 2020.

We also accept cash donations. The proceeds of the dinner, silent auction, raffle, and general donations will go towards covering the cost of our trip, and often helps us donate to a charity or project in the area we will be service, like a school supply drive. We will acknowledge your generous gift in signage at the dinner and auction as well as in our church newsletter and on our church Facebook page.

We thank you for the consideration of supporting our service project. Please feel free to contact our church if you have any questions at 508-697-6016 or office@csccucc.com.

Sincerely,

Central Square Mission Trip Youth

PS – cash donations can be made via check or by using the Paypal button at the top of our website, www.csccucc.org (just put "mission trip" in the note section of your donation). Thank you!