

May 29, 2014

Mayor Bill De Blasio
Mayor Office at City hall
253 Broadway
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mayor De Blasio,

My name is Elija, and I am a sixth grade student attending the UN International School. In my class, we began the year learning about the UN Millennium Development (UNMD) goals that are currently being worked on to make the world a better place, for all people. We do know that in 2015, these goals will expire and that the UNDP is currently working on generating new goals and aims for the subsequent years. In class, we discussed issues that we are passionate about and would like to see some change occur to help remediate the problems associated with our chosen issue. I chose to research child poverty.

According to my research, and the statistics I've found 22% of children in the US live in families with income below the USA's federal poverty level. Families need at least *twice* this amount to get by and cover basic expenses, such as clothes, food, etc. This is a big problem, because the families teach their children, and the children are the- *our* future, so what they are taught from a young age will eventually take a toll on the world.

I am writing because I want you to take a stand and help. I would love to help you in any way possible. I have written this executive report highlighting facts and providing ideas on ways that you can take stand to help fix this issue. In particular, I know that you are an organization dedicated to putting an end to child poverty, and that you do your best to get donations to help the hungry, sick, and struggling children in the USA/world. I would love to help and spread information about this cause and ways that you can help. If this seems like it is too much to do at this time, I ask that you read the report and consider working together with some of the organizations listed. A suggestion I have is that you gradually take a bit of the money you get from donations, and begin a shelter or soup kitchen, to feed and shelter children in need. Something I am going to do to help end this poverty is put up signs, and volunteer at a soup kitchen in my spare time. You can also have some of your workers put up informational signs all over the world/state, to remind others that poverty is a huge crisis in NYC, America, and the world. This may spread the news and help others to do something too.

I thank you for taking the time to read my letter and report. This report has been a work progress for the entire school year. I will be using it to ask others to help out in other appropriate ways. I kindly ask that you respond to me by email or at my personal email address as school is almost out of session for the summer holiday. Together we can all make a change!

Sincerely,

Elija