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Dear Notre Dame Club of North Florida:

We are writing this letter with the hopes of encouraging your club to either become involved or continue to be involved with our Notre Dame Alumni Association partnership with the Alliance for Catholic Education. You are receiving this letter because your club is based near an ACE community! Education is one of the key focus areas for NDAA community service and partnering with the local ACE teachers and the schools they serve is wonderful way to serve your own community!

As you are probably aware, the young men and women enrolled in ACE teach in under-resourced Catholic schools for two years while taking classes in the summer months on campus at Notre Dame. At the end of the program the students receive a Masters Degree in Education from Notre Dame.

Many Notre Dame Clubs are already heavily involved with their local ACE teachers and schools. If your club is already involved with ACE, we thank you and hope your club will continue and deepen the partnership! We wanted to take this opportunity, however, to offer suggestions for clubs who may want to get involved.

ACE has served in the Archdiocese of Mobile since its inception almost fifteen years ago. Richard Duffey, M.D., President of ND Club of Mobile, is enthusiastic about the strong partnership between the ACE teachers, their schools, and the alumni club he leads. Duffey writes, "We have found that the ACE teachers are a wonderful addition to our local Notre Dame Club of Mobile. Our ACE teachers have gotten to know most of the Club members by being invited to our game watches and our annual Universal Notre Dame Night Dinner (we do it free of charge for our teachers). Many club members have become personal friends of ACE teachers and continue an ongoing relationship throughout the school year with these individuals, even inviting them to family dinners. The ACE teachers are extremely appreciative given their limited financial resources."

Involving the ACE teachers in club activities and offering support is a wonderful way to help connect these young people into the community. In addition, suggestions for ND Club service projects for the ACE schools include a beautification day at the school, painting classrooms, planting flowers or trees, or a tutoring program. Club members could also volunteer their time and talents to ACE schools by offering professional services if needs arise.

If your club would like to become more involved, please contact Amy Seamon, Associate Director for ACE for contact information for the schools and teachers in your region.

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