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## NISEI STUDENT RELOCATION COMMEMORATIVE FUND, INC.

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## Dear NSRC Fund Supporters:

As one of the newest members of the Nisei Student Relocation Commemorative Fund's board of directors, it is with great pleasure I write this year's appeal letter. I was introduced to the NSRC Fund a few years ago through my long time friend, colleague and fellow board member, Phitsamay Uy. At the time, I was living in Seattle, Washington and was asked to serve on their local scholarship committee. Being a part of this committee was one of the most rewarding experiences I have had. I spent months working with a dedicated and passionate group of volunteers, led by

an ambitious young woman, Ammara Kimso who was also applying for graduate school at the time. In 2011, we awarded 60 high school seniors with scholarships in Seattle, the largest group the NSRC Fund has awarded to date.

My husband and I recently relocated to Boston, Massachusetts and it is with great honor and pleasure that I continue to be a part of the NSRC Fund. As a member of the national board, I work with distinguished professionals who dedicate their precious time to provide scholarships to Southeast Asian American high school students every year.

Fewer than 9% of Cambodian adults hold a college degree in the United States. As a Cambodian-American, it is important to me to be part of a remarkable organization that strives to increase that percentage. Like many Cambodians, my parents endured the atrocities of the Khmer Rouge, escaped to a refugee camp in Thailand and built a new life in America. My parents gave up everything to give my siblings and me a better life. They would remind us how lucky we were to grow up in the United States and to be given so many opportunities. Obtaining a higher education wasn't an option - it was expected - so it is gratifying for me to a play a small part in helping other Southeast Asian Americans to achieve a higher education.

This earnest request is to ask you to consider what or who has made a difference in your life. You may want to consider making a gift in honor of your mother, father, or family member who went through a similar internment or refugee camp experience. With your help, the NSRC Fund will provide students in need with the resources to continue their education. Your generous donation is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,