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Dear Friend:

Aaron Eilerts was a talented and compassionate young man, who tragically lost his life in the devastating tornado at Camp Little Sioux on June 11, 2008. Aaron, an eighth grader at Robert Blue Middle School in Eagle Grove, truly lived with a "Spirit of Service." Countless Iowans' lives were made better because of Aaron's understanding of one simple truth: service to family, community and friends is something which links us all. Aaron touched so many in his short life, and I believe all Iowans can continue to be inspired by his story.

To honor the life and work of this dedicated young man, I encourage your school to take part in the second annual Aaron Eilerts Day of Service and Giving on February 24, Aaron's birthday. It's my hope that Iowans will be inspired by the example of citizenship Aaron always exemplified.

There are multiple ways that your school or organization can participate in this statewide day of service. Attached to this letter is a document from Robert Blue Middle School which lays out how Aaron's school will carry out Aaron Eilerts Day of Service, as well as sample projects that Aaron was passionate about. Also attached is a proclamation you may wish to read as you begin the day. My staff is available to help school faculty, students, and community members as you plan your own community service projects. Please contact our Volunteer Liaison, Adam Gross, at adam.gross@iowa.gov if you plan to participate or if you would like more information.

Aaron's life is an example to every Iowan. Thank you in advance for helping honor him by spreading the message of service in your community and throughout our great state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chester Culver".

Chester J. Culver
Governor of Iowa

