Dear Dorothea,   
   
I know that you are trying to get out the door and enjoy the holiday season. For many of us we are fortunate to get a break from our daily work as professional fundraisers and spend time with family and friends.  
   
The AFP Greater Toronto Chapter has an annual campaign and we are at 97% to reach our goal of $41,000.  
   
We are close but not close enough to reaching the goal this year.   
   
Think about this person who had the opportunity to attend Congress because she received a Foundation bursary. We could be supporting more fundraisers if we can make our goal of $41,000.   
   
"Being one of the lucky few to have received a bursary from RBC and the AFP Foundation for Philanthropy - Canada brought me much happiness and the needed confidence for a recent building campaign for my not-for-profit organization.   
   
The bursary gave me the opportunity to get inspired, meet new contacts and receive an incredible amount of knowledge about fundraising which is imperative as I do all the fundraising at my small non-profit shop. My board was thrilled that I did receive a bursary and one board member offered to purchase the train tickets for the trip.  
   
Thanks to your bursary, I came back to work refreshed and encouraged by the daunting task of raising one million dollars for our building campaign. I truly did not know what this congress would entail, however I took away chunks of information at every seminar and plenary sessions. I truly loved the congress and look forward to attending again next year.  
   
I am very grateful for the financial assistance and support in my learning journey. Thank you again for your gift."  
   
We all give for different reasons.   
• the opportunity to 'give back' to the profession and to help the profession grow stronger,  
• the opportunity to help develop future leaders,  
• the opportunity to help your Chapter reach its yearly goal, and  
• you believe your gift enhances programs and services beyond what membership dues provide.  
   
I ask you to think about yours and consider the AFP Canadian Foundation as one of your chosen charities. You can either go on-line, Donate Now, and make your donation or you can complete the Pledge Form.  
   
Please take one last moment and support the Chapter's Annual Campaign and help us get over the threshold of $41,000.  
   
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