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Dear Lauren Price;

Thank you for your contribution to International Week 2009! We were glad to have you with us to refresh the campus and wider community's commitment to global issues and effecting positive change. The week was a great success. Attendance at educational sessions alone was 4,400 and when you include musical performances, overall attendance reached 7,100. What counts most of all is what people gained from the sessions they attended and how you've encouraged them to think critically about becoming agents of change in their communities.

Here is some feedback that came from the evaluations handed out at your session **Hunger is Here** (these have not been edited for spelling or grammar).

-The presenters were passionate and knowledgeable and the group discussion and exercise were a good way to engage the topic of hunger/food scarcity on campus. The only negative was that more people weren't in attendance--but the presenters were nonplussed and carried on admirably.

Here are a few comments from attendees about the Week in general:

- Very proud that the U of A recognizes the need to bring attention to global matters such as peace, famine, and international development. It's a step towards unity. A definite need for our time. Thank you.

- Very well organized, thought provoking and energizing. Also very inclusive of the community/public; it is a real service of the university to the broader community of Edmonton and area--thank you!--I can't believe I haven't taken time to attend previously.

- Each year the week provides an opportunity to examine critical issues - it is key to sustaining action in addressing these issues - it allows us to consider our place in the world and to reflect on what we are doing to seek positive change - it is a good opportunity to be reconnected.

We received many dozens of similar comments, so please feel proud of your involvement in this event. International Week is truly a collective effort, and is made possible through participation of 80 volunteers and dedicated staff, representation from 24 University units, 13 student groups, 18 community organizations, 14 performing groups, as well as governments, other universities and international. Presenters came to the University from elsewhere in Canada, the US, Ukraine, Israel, Uganda, India, China, and Uruguay, as well as by videoconference from the United Kingdom. We sincerely thank you for your contribution to global education for lending your time and energy to the Week! We hope to continue our relationship with you into 2010, when International Week will celebrate its 25th anniversary.

Sincerely,



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