Dear Local Business,

I am writing on behalf of the University of Colorado chapter of Global Medical Brigades to ask for your help as we prepare for our spring medical outreach program. Global Medical Brigades (GMB) is a secular network of university groups. It is one of the eight programs of Global Brigades, Inc., a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and the world’s largest student-led international relief organization. Global Brigades’ mission is to provide rural communities with sustainable solutions under a holistic service model, in order to improve health, water, sanitation, and economic infrastructure. Since 2004, over 23,600 volunteers, consisting of students and health professionals, have traveled to Honduras, Panama, Nicaragua and Ghana to deliver services to over 300,000 patients in over 100 communities. These are low-income, rural communities with limited or no access to medical care. Over the past three years, our group has served over 2,000 patients.

This summer our brigade will travel to Nicaragua for nine days and function as a mobile medical unit, setting up small clinics to diagnose and treat patients at no cost.  We will be providing basic health services including triage, medical consultations, prescription dispensing, and disease prevention workshops, all under the guidance of licensed medical professionals.

I hope that you will consider supporting this cause. Your gift will be tax-deductible, and will make a tremendous impact on the lives of those that we will be serving. Your monetary donations will be used solely for the purchase of medications and medical equipment that will be used during the trip. You may also make a non-cash donation in the form of medicine, medical equipment, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, or toothpaste. Excess medication remaining at the end of our trip will be donated to GMB for future brigades.

As a medical brigade, we intend to use these medications and supplies to provide the basic health needs that are inaccessible to many of these Nicaraguan communities. Many of us take for granted how fortunate we are to have access to healthcare, clean water, and nutrition.  This contrasts with many areas of the developing world that cannot provide these most basic needs for their people.  For this reason, we appreciate greatly any donation you are able to make towards these humanitarian efforts.

Thank you,

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