

NDI Sample Fundraising Letter

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Dear Family and Friends,

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Some of you may know that I am attending medical school to become a naturopathic doctor. Naturopathic medicine is a distinct system of primary health care — an art, science, philosophy and practice of diagnosis, treatment and prevention of illness. Because it is a young profession, the international volunteer opportunities for naturopaths have been limited until recently.

An opportunity has arisen which I would like to share with you. I have been accepted to travel to Nicaragua in **December 2011** on a Natural Doctors International medical brigade to participate in naturopathic medical outreach clinics and learn about how global economic policies impact healthcare in developing countries. Natural Doctors International (NDI) is a 501c3 grassroots medical outreach organization committed to global health. Since 2003 they have worked to bring needed medical attention on an international level by providing naturopathic medicine free of charge to at-need communities serving more than 13,000 patients.

One of the most important things that NDI does to educate people in North America about what is happening in healthcare on a global level is to organize medical delegations so students and doctors can experience health disparity first hand. During the delegation to Nicaragua, we will live with a local women and families and serve the local subsistence farmer community.

NDI is a non-profit organization, so all of their revenue comes from fundraising. They ask that all participants fundraise for the medical brigade, so that you can also contribute to global healthcare and peace in Latin America. Accordingly, I am asking for donations from my family, friends, and colleagues to make this opportunity a reality. The cost of the delegation is \$1300 and \$700 for airfare. I know that most of us face delicate financial situations, so **any amount** that you can afford to give would be greatly appreciated to help make this dream a reality.

You can donate to me online at _____ (enter firstgiving url) or make a check out to NDI (noted as “scholarship support **BR# _____ & my name**”) for the delegation fees or write a check directly to me for airfare. (*Checks to NDI are tax deductible.*) Please send all donations directly to me as soon as possible so I can forward them onto NDI. Upon my return, I will write a follow-up letter to let you know how your generosity was put to good use.

Thank you in advance for any help you can give. Please feel free to call me with any questions.

In peace and global health,