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Dear Friends:

The recent tragedies of September 11, 2001, had a big impact on our lives. We are all thankful for the many blessings that God has given us and we have been reminded of how precious life is. Please allow me to commend you for the part you are playing in the relief effort through your **“Change for America”** program.

Your efforts to pick up trash, repair hiking trails at the lake, and remind everyone of the importance of a clean earth are just the beginning. One person may not sound like much, but positive things are easy to share. It is very important to share smiles and hope. What begins with one person can affect the entire nation. As you said, “We know that we are one nation, one family, and anything that helps us will help all.”

Remember that phrase as you go through life and remember to appreciate the small things. You are making conscious efforts to help the American Red Cross and the people who are affected by this tragedy, but your program, **“Change for America”**, can go on forever. If we each share something positive with one person, think how many people that will be—and if they share it with one person—and then they share it....Pretty soon we *will Change America*.

As you gather for your patriotic ceremony, wearing red, white and blue, I encourage you to remember that we are one nation under God and we can make a difference for ourselves, the victims of the attacks, and our nation.

Very truly yours,

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