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Dear Lilburn Business Association Members,

We are Trickum Middle School's Odyssey of the Mind Team and are writing to thank you for your \$100 donation to help us attend Odyssey of the Mind World Finals at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa in late May. Your donation was critical in helping us get the seven team members to competition in Iowa!

Odyssey of the Mind is a creative problem solving competition for youth. For five years in a row, our team has been able to compete in the Odyssey of the Mind State Finals, but this was the first time we were able to compete on a national and international level. We were so excited for the opportunity!

There were over 825 teams from around the world that competed in the 39th annual Odyssey of the Mind World Finals. We met students from 16 other countries, including Japan, Poland, Germany, Mexico, Singapore, Qatar, China, South Korea, Canada, India, and Hong Kong. The opening ceremonies were held in Iowa's Hilton Coliseum and were run similar to the opening ceremonies of the Olympics. A member of our team (Blake) was able to carry the Georgia state flag in the opening ceremonies. On another evening during a float and banner parade, a member of our team (Sarah) was able to walk into the Hilton Coliseum with Georgia's two-story dragon float. (An amazing site!) In between competition events, we traded pins with other Odyssey of the Mind students from other states and countries.

We competed in two categories—a long-term competition where we presented an 8 minute show that was a "mock" documentary of Alice in Wonderland, and a spontaneous competition that is similar to improvisational humor. There were 64 teams in our category and we ranked in the middle of the group of teams. (The competition was intense!)

We greatly appreciate your tremendous generosity and support for our team! The donations from organizations such as Lilburn Business Association, made it possible for us to have this amazing experience! We were so touched by your support! We feel so lucky that we live in a community that supports the growth and promotion of youth in the community. Thanks again for helping us experience the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals!

Warmest regards,

Trickum Middle School, Odyssey of the Mind Team
Division II World Finals Participants:

Luke, Sarah, Kevin, Craig, Blake, Mikayla, and Nik