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Dear NRI Advisors and Program Partners:

I pray that this email finds you well. As many of you know, last week, over the 4th of July Holiday, the NRI program here in Auburn Gresham lost one of its valued youth leaders-Ricardo Hall. This young man was an asset to the Mentoring Plus Jobs Programs and will be greatly missed. The Mentoring Plus Jobs youth have been receiving counseling from clinicians who serve with the School-Based Counseling Component of our program and the Parent Leadership Program will also be working jointly with our youth and their parents to make this difficult time easier to bear.

On behalf of the program, I thank all of you who had learned of this tragedy and who have pitched in to help or offer a kind word to Ricardo's family and his peers. Working together, each one playing our part, even in the midst of tragedy has highlighted for this community what the NRI initiative is all about.

If any of you would be available to attend Ricardo's Home Going Service, it will be taking place at the Greater Metropolitan Church located at 5658 S. Wabash this Wednesday, at 10 a.m. Condolences, flowers, cards or letters for Ricardo's family can be sent to that location.

Kindest Regards,

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A true revolution of values will soon cause us to question the fairness and justice of many of our past and present policies. On the one hand, we are called to play the Good Samaritan on life's roadside, but that will be only an initial act. One day we must come to see that the whole Jericho Road must be transformed so that men and women will not be constantly beaten and robbed as they make their journey on life's highway. True compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar. It comes to see that an edifice which produces beggars needs restructuring.
--Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.