What Global Youth Justice will be using the $1600 Donation from JJI:

It's going toward 9/11 Day Trees -- our new federal project -- United Way Worldwide and Global Youth Justice got picked out of 106 applicants to be 1 of 5 lead organizations as 2021 is 20th Year -- and we get to be lead USA Partner with the Federal Government to Celebrate 9/11 Day in 2021, and then grants in 2022 and 2023 as its a 3 year project.

We have to plant 2997 Trees in 2021, one for each person that passed away on 9/11/2001.   We thought it was a great idea to have youth volunteers and youth offenders in 100 of our youth/teen/student/peer court and peer jury diversion programs -- and a good tree -- as while you can 50 seedlings (6 inch pine tree) for $75 bucks -- that does not work out well, as trees need to be cared for to live and those die if not, so it is likely about $10 dollars a tree for a good 1 foot maple -- so for 2,997 souls, that is $29,997 we need to raise and give to 100 local programs if each agrees to plant 30 -- that is 3,000.   Some might plant more or less -- we will have to get commitments to plant them by and on and not later than 9/11/2021 -- and put name of person who passed away.  And, on 9/11/20021 all programs participating will get by a flag pole and raise the 9/11 flag with 2997 names and we will split up the names and read them all across the usa.

So, $1600 you raised is buying 160 trees -- give or take.

And btw, asking Dolly for a letter thanking you is a big ask -- as I am sure you know.   I have 2 big asks in now and 1 came to be, and waiting on the other, so that is not the best use of another -- maybe to get something bigger -- like I want to do with 25 things for our 9/11 Day Project to raise money -- as we need 100 flags and they charge $50 for them as they are special with all the names, etc. that is $5k there, so with just trees and that -- its $35k.   So, I am thinking we try to raise $50,000 with on-line auction, as other expenses.   Ill get something big from Dolly and then use that to get other stuff from other celebrities.

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