



October 15, 2013

Dear Ms. Schroff:

For the past month students and teachers in our History of the Future course at Gill St. Bernard's School in Gladstone, New Jersey, have been studying the issue of global poverty and what individuals, institutions, nonprofit organizations, and governments might be able to accomplish in the future to rid the world of extreme poverty. As part of our study we recently completed your book, *An Invisible Thread*, which was chosen as a required text for its compassion, honesty, and ability to inspire us to see how two individuals made a difference for one another by connecting their lives in such simple yet challenging ways. As a final project our class decided that we wanted to take the opportunity today to present you with letters from students whose lives have been positively impacted by your book. We hope that you find the thoughts of these students as more examples as to how the story of your relationship with Maurice is able to change how we think about the cycle of poverty and what we can do about it.

Thank you for providing our class with such powerful inspiration these past weeks. We hope that you will have an opportunity to respond to the class in some way after you have read their letters.

All our best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter Schmidt".

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