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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Federation of Liberian Mandingoes in the USA (FELMAUSA) is a community based non-profit institution purposed at fostering unity among its people, and empowering its communities through educational, health and social outreach – with the hope to serve as a resourceful and reliable medium through which Liberian Mandingoes can peacefully and constructively participate alongside other Liberian communities in the rebuilding process of Liberia

For the year 2009, Liberia witnessed an appalling death rate of women and children from preventable causes due to a poor healthcare system that is incapable of serving its people. **Most of these women and children died as a result of poor pre and post natal care, post- partum hemorrhage, sepsis, and malnourishment.**

Liberia's healthcare system requires immense help and urgent attention. According to a recent April 21, 2009 UNHCR (IRIN) report, "The number of women dying in childbirth in Liberia has nearly doubled since the 1980s." While the report shows encouraging trends in infant and child survival, it puts maternal mortality at 994 women per 100,000 live births in 2007 compared to 578 in 1987. Among other factors, the increasing proportion of women dying while giving birth is linked to a drop in the proportion of births attended by skilled health personnel, according to the UN report.

Against this background, FELMAUSA kindly seeks your unmatched commitment to addressing this increasing healthcare problem. FELMAUSA humbly seeks your help **to plan and implement a medical mission trip to Liberia from March 2-8, 2011, and conduct healthcare workshops and trainings to educate local nurses and physicians on up-to-date technological advancements in the medical field.**

The cost of this trip is \$4,500.00 per person. This amount includes food, lodging, airfare and local transportation. Please help us raise funds for this endeavor. Also, kindly help us obtain and ship medical aids (instruments and medications), etc. to Liberia.

Please accept our gratitude for your commitment to this endeavor. You may donate online at <http://www.felmausa.org/eduassist.htm>, or mail checks to FELMAUSA at 241Rocklyn Road, Upper Darby, PA 19082. Please contact Cherinor Sillah, MD at 229-669-3482, cherinors@yahoo.com, or president@felmausa.org with any questions or suggestions.

Sincerely yours,

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