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Dear Mr. Joe Crabb,

These facts might startle you:

- 53 percent of students who attend public school in Detroit are reading below grade level
- 34 percent of students at Carstens Elementary school met their growth expectation in reading skills in 2013-14 school year.

Hope House Detroit, a nonprofit serving an east-side Detroit neighborhood blocks from Carstens, wants to help the children of Detroit excel at reading and change these statistics.

We need your assistance and the help of the students at Woodside Bible Church.

Hope House Detroit, a nonprofit organization founded in 2010, believes the children of Detroit require and deserve to be reading at or above grade level in order to excel in future academic endeavors. And we need the help of the students at Woodside Bible Church to help us do just that by volunteering to participate in our weekly "Read Around the Block" program.

Our "Read Around the Block" program offers group and individual reading sessions to children in the community who are in kindergarten through third grade. The goal of this program is to help the children expand their reading skills. Often we can't work with all the students who are interested because of a lack of volunteers.

So we are looking for additional volunteers to help us offer more children in the community the opportunity to learn and to improve their reading. We desire to find volunteers who are willing to show children what the love of Jesus looks like by teaching the children with love, respect and compassion. We think your group at Woodside would be a great fit for us as we continue to teach, encourage and inspire the children in our community.

I would be thrilled to speak with you about having the teens at Woodside join us at Hope House Detroit. You can email me at rallen@hopehousedetroit.org for more information, or if you have any questions.

Have a great day,
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