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Greetings, Danish American Language Foundation Supporters and Friends,

As many of you know, the Danish American Language Foundation was established in 1976 - with the goal of preserving the Danish language and culture in America. Queen Margrethe II was in the U.S. to celebrate the 200 year anniversary. She brought a check from newspapers, businessmen and private persons in Denmark in the amount of \$50,000.

With the income from this investment the Danish American Language Foundation Boards have over the years supported the Danish Language papers in the U.S., Danish language classes and camps and cultural events. With these very limited funds the Danish American Language Foundation Boards naturally operated with a low profile. Things changed a few years ago when the Danish American Language Foundation Board decided to reach out to like-minded supporters and friends and to the young people who desire to bring the Danish language and culture into the future.

As many of you know, and participated in, this kicked off about three years ago with a big event in Chicago. The Danish Consulate General helped organize this and the Danish Ambassador came from Washington D.C. to speak and lend his support. The goal was to build the endowment fund to \$250,000 in 5 years - from the original \$50,000. For the income from this capital we will be able to do five times as much as we could in the early years. We are over half way to the goal!

So we are asking you to please help us to get there so we can send more youngsters to Danish school! This can be done by sending us a check or via "PayPal" as explained on the attached page.

This year we have supported seven youngsters with scholarships to go to Danish summer schools in Denmark and to language camps in the U.S. We want to share with you excerpts of reports we received from some of the students supported by the Danish American Language Foundation:

Aidan (Sven) Murphree (2nd year attending Skovsøen in Minnesota) writes:

"This summer I had the pleasure of attending Skovsøen, a Danish immersion camp in the forests of Minnesota, my second year. A group of 7 other "credit" campers and I stayed an entire month at a lake in Minnesota and practiced as much Danish language and culture as we possibly could in our daily lives. We spoke Danish, took Danish classes, ate Danish food, and played Danish games or watched Danish movies in the evenings. I learned an astounding amount of Danish language and culture and made many great friends at the same time!"

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Christian Keller (3rd year at Danes World Wide in Denmark) writes:

“Thank you so much for the scholarship for the Danish school. It was very helpful. This year I met a lot of new people and saw a lot of old friends. I think that every year at the school I have more and more fun and learn more and more Danish.”

Alexandra Jakobsen writes in Danish after first year at Danes World Wide in Denmark:

“Hey, Tusind tak for mine stipendium! Jeg er meget taknemmelig. Før Sommerskolen, jeg snakker ikke Dansk. Jeg videde lille smål ord men kunne ikke snakke Dansk. Jeg kan nu snakke basis Dansk, og det er rigtig spændende. Jeg har hoppede, Den Danske Sommerskolen var godt for lære Dansk. Nu, jeg skriver dette brev.

Pao Sommerskolen, jeg her 3 timer Dansk klasse hver dag. Også 2 timer Danske kultur klasse hver dag. Efter klasse, allesammen har sport, for eksempel, fodbold eller beach volley. Mine venner var fra meget landen. Luxembourg, Tyskland, og Spanien. I mine klasse, mennesker kommer fra Thailand, Frankrig, Brasilien etc.

Alle I alle, Den Danske Sommerskolen var en godt erfaring. Jeg lære masser af Dansk, og har masser af neue venner. Mange Tak for mine stipendium for lærer Dansk!”

While we continue to support the Danish newspaper in the U.S., the Danish Pioneer, we feel it is very important to get more young people to learn and speak Danish. Therefore we ask you to please look into the possibility of you sending us a contribution to continue this worthwhile project.

Very truly yours,

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