**2022** 





## Dear Friends,

Here it is, the last newsletter of 2022! We have so much to be grateful for over the past year. Tens of thousands of applicants put their trust in ECE this year to quickly provide accurate, high-quality evaluations of their international educational experiences. We're so thankful to every single customer, organization, and higher education institution we worked with and served in 2022. And most importantly, we're thankful for you and your support of our mission and the ECE® Aid initiative.

Last month I announced exciting news about no longer having to ask for ECE® Aid donations. As 2022 comes to a close, I thought it was important to expand on some of the reasons behind our decision. I also thought a great way to end the year would be to share some wonderful successes of our ECE® Aid recipients.

Here's to a rejuvenating, peaceful, and healthy 2023.

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## **Looking Ahead to 2023**



This will not only be the last newsletter for 2022, it will also be the last monthly newsletter. We're shifting to a quarterly newsletter in 2023 and are excited about improving both the quality and quantity of stories and information you receive in connection to ECE® Aid.

Last month, I also announced that our incredible finance team had determined ECE could start fully funding ECE® Aid fee waivers from our own revenue starting in 2023. Which means that, for the foreseeable future,

we no longer need to ask for donations to sustain the ECE® Aid initiative.

By doing so, this will provide the following advantages:

- Support people most in need without also relying on donations coming from those we serve.
- More effectively manage relationships with ECE® Aid participating organizations.
- Better control of the flow of ECE® Aid recipients going into our production process.
- Anticipated elimination of recipient waiting list, a necessity during the pandemic.
- Removal of daily administrative work in donation tracking and reporting.

The decision came down to streamlining the process to be more efficient and effective for all stakeholders. Ultimately, funding ECE® Aid through our own revenue will save both time and money while also allowing us to better serve ECE® Aid recipients and participants alike. I like to think of this change as a more holistic approach to supporting ECE® Aid rather than being reliant on individual efforts and contributions.

We're very happy about these upcoming changes and hope you are too. You can check out our updated <u>ECE® Aid page</u> for more news and other updates.

## The Value of ECE® Aid

Of late, we've heard from a few ECE® Aid participating organizations who've thoughtfully sent some inspiring updates to us. It's incredibly valuable to hear about the activities and successes of ECE® Aid recipients and I would love to share them with you.

First, several ECE® Aid recipients from Afghanistan went on campus tours in Virginia to learn more about university dentistry programs, facilities, and other campus amenities. They met with advisors



and spoke with other campus staff to begin the next steps in their educational journey.

Second, we were informed that a number of ECE® Aid recipients from Zimbabwe, Zambia, and Nigeria, working with a participating organization in Georgia, have received full-ride scholarships to the universities they applied to. How inspiring and exciting for those students and their families back home!

Finally, here are some wonderful words from representatives of ECE® Aid participating organizations that we just had to share with you:

"Your support has made an incredible difference in the lives of our clients and for that we are incredibly grateful!"

"Thank you so much for this valuable partnership."

Make sure you check out our <u>ECE® Aid stories page</u> for more inspiring stories and testimonials.

We wish all of our ECE® Aid participants a wonderful and successful 2023. We couldn't do this without you.

And to all of the ECE® Aid recipients from 2022, we wish you the best of luck. Congratulations to everyone in their future studies and careers!



Wishing you good health and a very happy New Year!
With gratitude,

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