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Dear XXXXXX Family Member,

Greetings! I am writing to members of our extended XXXXXX family to tell you about a wonderful opportunity being offered by the Luxembourg American Cultural Center in Port Washington, Wisconsin. As you may or may not know, an international cultural center honoring Luxembourg heritage and Luxembourg-descent Americans is being built in Wisconsin, just north of Milwaukee. The project is a collaborative endeavor between a non-profit group, the Luxembourg American Cultural Society, and Luxembourg's Ministry of Culture.

Phase one of the Cultural Center will include the *Roots and Leaves Museum*, housed in an old Luxembourg stone barn built in Wisconsin in 1872 by Jacob Mamer, a Luxembourg immigrant, a Welcome Center, and other education and social space for the cultural center. All of the funding for the Cultural Center is coming from private donations from people throughout the US who are proud of their Luxembourg heritage.

In the Welcome Center entrance to the Cultural Center, there will be a 12-foot sculpture, fabricated in Luxembourg, called the Luxembourg American Family Tree. There will be 148 family "leaves" (measuring 10" x 12") on this sculpture that will contain photos of people of Luxembourg ancestry. There will also be computers near the tree that will contain all of the genealogical information and stories about the people appearing on the leaves.

Individuals and families are being invited to make donations to support the building of the Cultural Center. Donations of \$2,000 or more will be recognized with a family leaf on the family tree. A number of families are going together to raise the \$2,000, so as to have a leaf for their family on the family tree.

We are hoping to a sponsor a XXXXXX Family Leaf on the family tree to honor our ancestors, XXXXXXXXXXXX. This is where we need your help!!! Might you be willing to make a donation/gift to help us accomplish this goal of having a XXXXXX Family leaf on the family tree? Any donation/gift from you would be greatly appreciated: \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100 or more. All gifts to this project are tax-deductible. If we work together as a family we will not only honor our Luxembourger ancestors but future generations of our family will be able to visit the Cultural Center and take pride in what we have done.

If you are willing to make a donation/gift to this exciting cause, could you please email me at [email Address] or call me at [phone number], or drop me a line **BY [DEADLINE DATE]**. You can either send a check (made payable to LACS) at this time or make a pledge and I will get back to you as the process unfolds to let you how we are doing in achieving our goal!

I really appreciate your consideration of this request. We would not be where we are at today if it were not for the love and courage of our ancestors. This project and the cultural center itself will be a wonderful legacy to be enjoyed by many generations to come.

Gratefully yours,