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Dear Fellow Rotarians:

Would you please help keep the memories of my mother alive in her hometown of Poloyah/Garaway while telling the story of her brutal death along with her only son?

On September 2, 1990, members of a death squad drove into the yard, took away, and murdered my mother, Helena Ylahdy Quire, and her only son, my only maternal brother Amos Wellington Keah during the Liberian evil and senseless civil war. Unfortunately, their bodies were never found for a proper burial, making it difficult for me to bring the tragedy of their death to closure. Instead, I lived with the constant pain and the thought of how I could keep my mother's memory alive, especially in her hometown of Poloyah/Garaway, where women who knew her still weep at the mention of her name.

I recently received a letter from the women of my mother's town asking our organization Gyabolanders & Friends-US, Inc, to help them construct a much-needed women center. The women's center will provide a shelter where they can meet to discuss women's issues and share best practices amongst themselves. It immediately dawns on me that this could be an opportunity to keep my mother's name alive through a memorial.

The estimated cost of constructing the shelter is \$12,000. **Therefore, as you begin your year-end giving for 2021, I am appealing to you to please help make this possible by making a tax-deductible donation payable to Gyabolanders & Friends-US, Inc. mail to 121-47 238th Street, Rosedale, New York, 11422.** You can also ZELLE or Cashapp your donation to (917) 873 5554.

Thank you in advance for giving this request your consideration.

Gratefully,

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