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Dear Friends

I send you my good wishes and warm greetings.

Rights, by their very nature, should be ours to claim. As children and young people you have learned what these rights are through this exhibition. In spite of these rights being identified and promoted there are far too many children whose rights are being abused. Many live in fear and suffer great hardship.

We are all God's children, sisters and brothers, one family together. There is enough for all if we love and respect each other. I hope you will help to make this world a more compassionate, caring place, where all young people can walk tall and reach for the stars.

Go for it.....

God bless you

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"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God - If there is this love among you, then all will know that you are my disciples."

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Dear Friends at the McKinley Hill International School and Leadership Academy

It is wonderful to be able to speak to you on the 4th anniversary of your program to encourage young people to reach for the stars and to become leaders.

You have it in you to become the best that you can be. You are really like a balloon. It floats into the sky not because of its colour: red, green or black balloon, but because of the stuff inside that enables it to fly. And you have the best stuff inside. We call again on everyone to honour and to respect the rights of the child.

Go for it, become the best that you can be, because you are the best thing that God ever created.

God bless you all.

Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu