Dear Friends,

Every year I have the privilege of getting to know and work with the extraordinary members of People to People International (PTPI) and am proud to continue fulfilling the dream of my grandfather, President Dwight D. Eisenhower through the organization’s educational, cultural and humanitarian initiatives.

People to People International has a vast array of opportunities for adults and students. I invite you to learn about the life-changing programs we have to offer you and the students you work with. Please allow me to share a bit of our history. PTPI was founded on September 11, 1956 by my grandfather, President Dwight D. Eisenhower. He said, “I have long believed, as have many before me, that peaceful relations between nations requires understanding and mutual respect between individuals.” More than fifty years later, in excess of 80,000 members in 135 countries breathe life into our mission each day. Efforts include cultural, educational and humanitarian programs designed for individuals of all ages. Student members are encouraged to “take action” by sharing their diverse backgrounds and talents at the local, national and international levels. Through it all, members lead by example, striving to promote PTPI’s mission toward Peace through Understanding.

PTPI’s School and Classroom Program and PTPI’s Student Chapter Program are particularly beneficial for schools that want to expose their students to service-learning, other cultures and leadership development. Each year, I am touched by our students’ efforts to improve the communities and world in which they live. Each and every project—whether small or big—is appreciated and makes a positive difference.

At People to People International World Headquarters, our Student Department team looks forward to working with you. Included in this CD-ROM you will find a sampling of our resources. Once you join a PTPI program, you will receive additional resources and guidance as you promote “Peace through Understanding” in your community. You also may find our website, www.ptpi.org helpful.

I encourage you to reach out to our talented PTPI staff with any questions you may have. Together we can make a positive impact locally and globally.

Your partner in peace,

Mary Jean Eisenhower
President and Chief Executive Officer