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Dear Mr. Joukowsky and Mr. Jones,

On behalf of the Secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, we look forward to working with No Limits Media on "The Gift," a photographic exhibition to showcase positive images of persons with disabilities. Thank you for sharing your proposal to work with us on this exhibition. This will be a great opportunity to promote the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities which reaffirms the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all persons with disabilities. The exhibition will be displayed in various cities throughout the world, thus providing free access to UN staff and other communities, including persons with disabilities.

We support your proposal as it will follow the spirit and letter of the Convention. We look forward to working with you on making the exhibition compelling and accessible. In that regard, and in accordance with the provisions of the Convention, reasonable accommodation to make the exhibition accessible to persons with disabilities is required. We will also work with you to determine accommodations to the exhibition to ensure accessibility for those with physical, mental, intellectual and sensory impairments. While we regret that we are not in a position to provide direct financial support, we are confident that the scope and audience for this exhibition will be compelling to visionary sponsors internationally. We believe that it will be possible to secure financial support for this exhibition due to the correlation with the Convention's anticipated entry into force in 2008. An effort to publicly raise the profile of disability at this time is quite valuable.

We hope that the inauguration of the exhibition at United Nations Headquarters can be timed with the Convention's entry into force, which is 30 days after the 20th ratification by a United Nations Member State. At the moment the Convention enters into force, it becomes legally binding to States parties, which will require that States undertake the legal rights and obligations contained in the Convention.

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We look forward to working with you to ensure that this exhibition can be in accordance with the spirit and letter of the Convention. Thank you again for inviting us to be part of your exciting proposal to show the world inspiring images which demonstrate the positive achievements of persons with disabilities.

Yours sincerely,



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