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Dear Rotary Club of Homer Kachemak Bay,

I hope this letter finds you well. I wanted to take a moment to thank you and share a bit about how this year has been for me.

This year has been both exciting and very challenging. In Uganda, we sit for a national exam called UNEB, one of the biggest exams we do in our school journey. It determines whether we can proceed to the final two years of high school. Because of this, school has been extremely intense—we've had to take many tests, study hard, and even stay longer at school than the other students, just to make sure we are ready for the final exam. I have four months to go before I complete school and sit for this crucial exam.

Despite the stress, I've had some truly joyful moments. I went to prom, and it was so much fun! I'm still waiting to receive the official pictures, but I've included some photos here that show how much joy and connection I've experienced this year with my friends and classmates.

I'm also happy to share that I've made many new friends and that I'm doing well in school. Our Interact Club organized a powerful event focused on mental health awareness, where we brought together students from four different schools to talk about mental wellness. We used poetry, music, and dance to express and share messages about the importance of mental health. It was a beautiful and inspiring experience.

I also wanted to tell you that the book club we started has become very successful! We now have 15 kids actively participating. Just today, two of our members went to the City Council to meet one of our potential donors. We are hoping to raise funds to keep the club going strong. We're also planning a trip to take the kids to different libraries, so they can discover more about books, reading, and writing. Our mission is to reduce illiteracy in rural areas, and we're excited about the progress we're making.

As I look ahead to the final stretch of this school year, I am filled with gratitude. Having you walk this journey with me means the world. Your support gives me strength, and I truly believe I wouldn't be here without you.

Thank you for everything you continue to do for me.

With love and appreciation,

Sam

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