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Dear Supporters of Spark,

In August 2008 I accepted the offer to join Spark Ventures as their first full-time employee. It was a somewhat risky decision at the time as Spark was only 8 months old, had no office space and was only able to guarantee funding for my position for one year. Looking back two years later, I know it was the right decision. It has been a true joy and honor to work for such a great, young organization at the start of my career. I have also enjoyed getting to know some of you personally, others via email and some as names in our database, as you truly are the ones that enable Spark to make an impact in the lives of children. So it is with some sadness that I am announcing my resignation as the Director of Resource Development for Spark Ventures.

My decision to leave Spark is purely a family one. As some of you know, I am originally from Canada and as my wife, Liz, and I began thinking about our future and starting a family we realized that Chicago was probably not the place for us long-term. While we are excited to move to Vancouver, British Columbia and be close to my family we will miss our friends and family here in Chicago.

I chose to work for Spark Ventures because I am committed to making an impact in this world by caring for the poor, oppressed, marginalized and forgotten through smart and sustainable methods. I will continue pursuing this commitment by working for Opportunity International in Canada, a microenterprise organization providing loans to over 1.2 million clients in 26 countries to help people in chronic poverty improve their lives.

Spark is headed for some very exciting times...a successful Phase 3 (sustainability) project with Hope Ministries in Zambia, a creative fall event called AWAKEN, and a new partnership search in Latin America. I hope you will remain as excited as I am about what lies ahead for Spark. My wife and I will continue to invest in Spark and support the organization as much as we can and I hope you will join us in doing so.

Thank you for your patience with me, generosity in your support and dedication to helping children achieve their potential.

Respectfully yours,

Brady Josephson

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