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Dear Paul and the entire Leos group of students and their parents.

This letter can't possibly express my gratitude for all of your excellent work on Saturday, May 30. My heartfelt thanks go to the Lammers, Radabaugh, Molnar, Wirpio families and forgive me for not remembering the names of every single one of the participants! I was totally impressed by all of the students—I've never seen such a hard-working and friendly bunch of kids. One reads so much about the bad things some teenagers do, but here in Grass Lake I know that there is at least one group of young people that are hard-working and trustworthy—the Leos!

Since the fire that destroyed our large barn and another building and most of the surrounding trees and landscaping and my health problems (diabetes and heart) that came at the same time, and the lack of money while trying to get everything cleaned up, I had been unable to make any headway into everything that needed to be done to satisfy my mortgage company. But thanks to you and your group, many tasks were completed, and if not completed, at least now my son Will and I can get a handle on them and finish them up.

I am so happy to see that huge pile of trees burned and gone! That alone would have taken me a year of Saturdays to get rid of (if I'd even been able to do it without equipment). I also appreciate the removal of so many of the black locust tree roots and the roto-tilling that is letting me get at the rest of them.

I'm especially pleased every day to see the lovely rock borders moved into place by the students around the trees and by the new little barn—it's especially nice to see those rocks because they are the only things that remain of the old barn. And the plants that the students moved and replanted are flowering now and look very nice. The weed whacking and mowing has also helped a great deal to make the place look nice—and with that start I have now been able to continue whacking away at the remaining tall grass.

I'm grateful also for the great painting jobs on my back deck and little windmill that the students did. I hope they didn't get into trouble for the paint on their clothes and shoes! If I've forgotten to mention any other of the great jobs the Leos did, it is only because they were so busy and working so fast, I probably missed some things!

Please convey my extreme gratitude to everyone who participated in this project. They were all wonderful and my family and I are in your debt for giving us back a property that once again lives up to the expectations of the mortgage company and one that brings us joy to live on!

Our best wishes,

From an appreciative Grass Lake family