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Dear _____,

Center Grove High School's Red Alert Robotics Team 1741 is entering its tenth year of competition. We are now a veteran team and going strong. Our returning and new team members are looking forward to the 2015 build season.

Thanks to our generous supporters our team had another successful season last year. Our team participated in two Regional competitions—The Purdue Boilermaker in West Lafayette and the Chesapeake Regional in Baltimore. At the Boilermaker competition our team won the Creativity award. At the Chesapeake regional our team won four awards: Industrial Safety, Gracious Professionalism, Entrepreneurship, and Finalists. We concluded the competition season by being Indiana State Champions.

FIRST Robotics not only impacts team members while they are on the team but for a lifetime. Recently, Brandeis University's Center for Youth and Communities conducted an independent, retrospective survey of *FIRST* Robotics Competition participants and compared results to a group of non-*FIRST* students with similar backgrounds and academic experiences, including math and science. Highlights of the study's findings include:

- More than 3 times as likely to major specifically in engineering.
- Roughly 10 times as likely to have had an apprenticeship, internship, or co-op job in their freshman year.
- Significantly more likely to expect to achieve a post graduate degree.
- More than twice as likely to expect to pursue a career in science and technology.
- Nearly 4 times as likely to expect to pursue a career specifically in engineering.
- More than twice as likely to volunteer in their communities.

Please help Team 1741 continue to make an impact by considering a **tax deductible** donation to our team. **Donate online: www.redalert1741.org** - Click on **Donate Button** or return the enclosed form with your check. We appreciate any amount you can donate.

Sincerely,