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2002-03 Activities Report for WIIT Charitable Trust
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I am pleased to report on this year's progress and activities of the WIIT Charitable Trust. As you may remember, we formed the Trust in February 2001 as a non-profit 501(c)(3) educational and charitable organization committed to trade education endeavors. Our mission statement is to promote public knowledge and understanding of international trade and international business and the role of women therein.

We are striving to be self-sufficient financially. And with a generous infusion of start-up funds from WIIT in 2001 and other contributions in 2002 from Trust members and such corporate sponsors as Honda and Panasonic, we are nearly at the point of financial independence. This fiscal year we received over \$2100 in contributions to support our activities.

With the help of a summer intern, provided through the generosity of the law firm Miller and Chevalier, we launched last September our first major trade education project -- a year-long relationship with the Academy of Law and Public Policy at Largo High School in Prince George's County, Maryland. Working with junior and senior students in their International Issues Course, the Trust presented monthly programs on various international trade policy issues, using WIIT members and other well-known experts in the field.

Special recognition should be given to Amanda DeBusk for organizing an outstanding classroom experience on export controls, Janet Nuzum for her interesting class discussion on market access, Rebecca Woodings for arranging a regrettably snowed out program on trade remedy laws, and Mary Lou Egan for an informative program on government, public and private sector careers in international trade. Other classes, planned but not yet given, will focus on trade with Africa and international trade agreements.

Throughout the year we really enjoyed the "thank yous" from our adopted students -- thanks for visiting our class; you and your guests did a great job at helping us understand international trade; I cannot wait for your return.

This year we plan to expand our high school project to another school, perhaps in the District of Columbia, and to use these pilot project experiences to obtain foundation underwriting for a national program of trade education.

Through the WIIT and the WIIT Trust web pages we have received interest from a number of volunteers. We hope to organize and utilize these volunteers this summer. So anyone here that is interested in working with the Trust please feel free to contact me. We

are excited about the future of the Trust and appreciate the interest and support received from WIIT.

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Chair, WIIT Charitable Trust Committee