Dear Class of 2009,

Welcome to Harvard Law School! Congratulations on your achievement; we look forward to meeting you! Law school is a wonderful experience and we’re sure that you will find many amazing opportunities here. We hope that you will join us in our endeavors this year to combat global poverty through Direct Action Against Poverty (DAAP).

DAAP is a student organization at Harvard Law School, which seeks to promote humanitarian goals by developing concrete projects to combat domestic and international poverty. DAAP encourages students to create innovative anti-poverty initiatives, advocates for the plight of impoverished communities, and educates the campus and broader community about issues of poverty. Additionally, DAAP members join the efforts of established humanitarian organizations and perform research on pressing legal issues impacting impoverished persons and communities on a global level.

Since its inception, DAAP has served as vehicle for students to implement hands-on programs and perform cutting-edge work in some of the most impoverished areas of the world. DAAP has organized students to perform legal work in Haiti, Brazil and other South American nations; has made a relief flight to help famine victims in the Sudan; and has started a clinic for orphans in Kigali, Rwanda. DAAP has also served to raise awareness and to educate the law school and broader communities about the nations that we have served and about poverty as an intellectual and legal concept.

The current board of DAAP is excited about the great things that we will accomplish this year. Most of all, we are excited about working with you to bring help to people who desperately need it. We hope to see you at our Orientation events and at the first General Body meeting in September. Please feel free to contact us at daction@law.harvard.edu or check out our website at http://www.law.harvard.edu/students/orgs/action for more information! Congratulations again; we look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

Direct Action Against Poverty Officers
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