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## Greetings!

I find my life to be incredibly fortunate and that my desire is to assist others who need assistance rather than acquire any more goods.

I request that you refrain from purchasing a material gift for me and instead make a donation to a charitable organization either from the list below, or one of your choosing. If you would prefer to purchase a material gift, please consider donating toys to children, food to a food bank or shelter, or clothing and blankets to a shelter. Those donations can easily be made at locations throughout your hometown.

Any amount that you are able to give is an amazing gift of love!

Vielen Dank,  
Benjamin Ruder

### Websites of organizations to support:

INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ASSISTANCE PROJECT  
CENTER FOR REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS  
NAACP LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATION FUND  
THE TREVOR PROJECT  
THE MEXICAN AMERICAN LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATION FUND  
THE SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER  
CHICAGO COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS  
MERCY HOME FOR BOYS AND GIRLS  
COVENANT HOUSE OF MISSOURI  
DOORWAYS HOUSING OF ST. LOUIS  
ST. LOUIS FOODBANK  
HYDE PARK AND KENWOOD HUNGER PROGRAMS