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Mr. John Forrester, CEO

Bright Holidays Organization

Mr. Forrester:

On behalf of the entire faculty, staff and student body at Stonewall Jackson Elementary, I would like to express our most sincere appreciation for the generosity and kindness that you've shown to our students.

This is the first year that families here at Stonewall Jackson were recipients of the gifts and donations provided by Bright Holidays. The sincere thanks that were given by each family were genuine and quite heartwarming.

As the nationwide economic hardship continues, we have found that the numerous individuals who express a lack for simply the basic necessities of food and clothing are growing. It is always a humbling experience for me to witness some of the unfortunate circumstances that I encounter among our families. We have found that some families are going without electricity, food (including lunch money) and warm clothing. Yet, I can attest to the fact that the gifts provided by Bright Holidays allowed our parents and students to see a glimmer of hope during the 2009 holidays.

I have enclosed several thank you cards and a letter from a few of our recipients who were just spellbound that we provided food for their families. As I am sure you will find in the sentiments of the small cards that you will receive, that merely saying "thank-you" is just not enough.

Again, I express my heartfelt appreciation for your generosity during the holidays and your support for our students here at Stonewall Jackson Elementary. I look forward to our continued partnership in the success of all students in Duval County Public Schools.

Best regards,

Violetra C. Ward, Principal

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