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Dear Bright Holidays,

On behalf of the many students whose lives you have touched, I want to express my sincere gratefulness. Even though this was not my first time partnering with your organization, I was touched anew by the generosity of the many people that contribute to making this program such a success.

I am employed by Lutheran Social Services and I work at Kings Trail Elementary as a School Liaison to the refugee students. The kids I work with are new arrivals to the United States, and in most cases they have arrived with very little. The gifts that they receive from Bright Holidays meet a real need that their parents are not yet able to provide, as well as extends a welcome to them as they start their new lives in our city.

The children and parents were so grateful for the gifts from Bright Holidays. I saw eyes fill up with tears as parents were overwhelmed by the blessing that they received. When I gave one mother the gift card and told her how much money was on it, her eyes flew open in surprise and she emphatically repeated "Thank you!... Thank you!" for the next five minutes! Several of the kids were incredulous that they could be the recipient of such kindness that they had to ask, "Are these really for me?"

I also want to thank you for what a blessing Bright Holidays has been to me personally. I try very hard to help my refugee families with the needs that they have, but often my efforts fall short. It brings me a special joy to see these families receive gifts that I know are very needed and much appreciated. Having another organization step in beside me and work so hard on behalf of "my" families is such an encouragement to me, and I cannot thank you enough.

Sincerely,

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