

## THE COUNTY OF CHESTER

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Mr. Richard Villasana Founder, Forever Homes for Foster Kids 9450 Mira Mesa Blvd, Ste C520 San Diego CA 92126

Dear Mr. Villasana,

On behalf of the Chester County Children, Youth and Families, I sincerely thank you for your specialized family finding expertise. We had three young sisters in our care in Pennsylvania, far away from their family in Mexico, with no direct contact information. We were at a loss to know how to begin a search for their relatives.

Your company successfully navigated through extraordinary obstacles and found the contact information that had long eluded us. The relatives of the three sisters were thought to live in small, remote villages with no telephone service, no Internet, and no cell phone reception. You were able to arrange for someone to drive into each village in search of these relatives. You located a grandfather, and then an aunt who lives in a large Mexican city many states over. We consider your company's ability to track down members of this family under these circumstances as nothing short of miraculous.

We never imagined that the news would get better, but it did. We have since learned that there are family members living in the northeast USA. We knew of them but had never been able to locate them. There is strong evidence that we will be more than able to reach the daughters' birth father. At last, we now have several options for the girls. These children may very well end up in a permanent home with one of their relatives.

We simply wouldn't have these family connections in both Mexico and the U.S. without your expertise. Your organization has been a blessing in disguise for these young foster children and our agency. We know that we can count on your organization for any additional assistance.

Again, accept our most sincere appreciation for the superb work your organization provided to our foster children.

With warmest regards,

Carmen Rivera