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Dear Mr. Gobler:

I am writing to express my profound gratitude for the services that your organization provided on behalf of Desiree M, an 18 year old Los Angeles County foster child. One of Desiree's greatest wishes was to establish a connection with her birth father who was reported to be living in Mexico. The judge in Desiree's case ordered the Department to conduct family finding services and I assigned the case to myself because all of my team members had a full caseload.

DCFS has a well established family finding operation that has developed various search methods for locating parents and relatives. Nonetheless, after conducting an extensive search for Desiree's father, I could not locate him. I felt terrible because I had promised Desiree that I would leave no stone unturned in my search for her dad. Then, one day as I sat down at my desk, I found a magazine article that someone had left on my desk about an organization that has had much success in finding relatives of foster children living in Mexico.

My initial contact with Forever Homes for Foster Kids was to obtain advice on how I might conduct a better search for Desiree's father, which you gladly provided. I then obtained approval to utilize your organization's services in searching for Desiree's father and was able to learn just how much expertise you have in conducting such searches. It was very exciting for both Desiree and me to read the reports detailing the results of your family finding efforts and although Desiree's father was not found (or he decided not respond to the letters that I sent to him), it was most rewarding to have Desiree tell me how much she appreciated the work that was done by your organization and by my Department on her behalf.

As I continue my work as a family finding supervisor, I can assure you that your organization will always be my go to resource when all else fails in my search for the parents and relatives of the foster children and youth whom we serve.

Best regards,

Robert La Farge, MSW
Supervising Children's Social Worker

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