



Social Services

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Dear Mr. Villasana,

On behalf of the Durham County Department of Social Services, I sincerely thank you for your specialized family finding expertise.

We had a case where we wanted to locate the birth father of a child under our care, but we were only able to provide your organization with a partial name of the father. In response, we received from your organization a comprehensive report detailing the information that would be necessary so that a potentially successful family finding effort could be conducted to locate this parent in Mexico.

Unfortunately, we have not been able to obtain any additional details to aid your organization in this case. We appreciate the report that you provided us showing that without further assistance from the child's mother, no successful family finding can be conducted.

As much as we regret any instance where an adult relative of a foster child cannot be located, your report will help open the door to other opportunities that may result in the child moving out of foster care.

Again, accept our most sincere appreciation for the pro bono service your organization has provided to our foster children. I sincerely hope that we can count on your continued services to help our efforts to locate family members for other foster children who come into our care and have relatives still living in Mexico.

Thanks,

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