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Dear Mr. Pierre,

I wanted to take this moment to thank you and the Interstate Roofing employees for your support of the Mittens & More project benefiting Oregon's foster children. We concluded our 9th year for the annual "Mittens & More" project and we are so grateful for your assistance in getting all the donated items to our location. Your assistance was indispensable and allowed me to focus on organizing and coordinating the actual event. An event of this type is very labor intensive and the help of Interstate roofing was indispensable and allowed me to focus on organizing the shopping room and coordinating the hundreds of details that go into successfully pulling off a project that serves over 600 foster children.

On Saturday December 14th we had our holiday parties in which winter outerwear was distributed to children in foster care. By combining financial contributions and physical donations we were able to give away 640 NEW coats, 148 NEW fleeces, 160 NEW clothing items and 1,659 NEW hats, mittens and scarves. We had over 60 volunteers helping to make this special day possible and as usual the children and teens were thrilled to be able to pick out their own coat, hat and mittens!

Holidays can be a difficult time for children to be away from their families regardless of the situation that brought them into foster care and this event not only meets a basic physical need it gives foster children something to look forward to and helps create a positive environment for them. Again, thank you so much for your support of this project. It takes committed and generous community partners like you to ensure that Oregon's foster children benefit from positive, life enriching activities and events like Mittens & More. Thank you for making a difference!

Sincerely,

Michelle McAllister

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Mittens & More Coordinator

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