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To: Challberg@covenanttocare.org

Subject: Covenant to Care

Dear Mrs. Hallberg,

I am writing to express to you my appreciation and support for Covenant to Care, with which I have been involved as an Adopted Social Worker for the past 7 years. I was adopted by St. James Episcopal Church here in Danbury, Connecticut. I have had a wonderful relationship with this church. The rector, liaisons, and congregation have not only been receptive to any requests for help that I have made, but proactive in contacting me with ideas and donations.

St. Jame's Church has been extraordinarily generous to the entire Danbury community. They run the Daily Break Food pantry and provide support to numerous agencies through their mission board. These agencies include Habitat for Humanity, The Women's Center of Greater Danbury, Asian Family Services, and many other important supports to families in need.

Aside from the benefits that this church and congregation already provide to the community in general, there have been significant contributions made specifically to my office and children and families whom we serve. Each of the past seven years this church has donated holiday stockings and gifts at the Christmas and school backpacks and supplies for as many as 30 children. In addition, they have responded every time there has been a need for gift certificates to assist families in need of emergency clothing, gas, or groceries. They have opened the food pantry to our families on an emergency basis, and provided them with food items beyond the 'normal' supply. Last month the church was called upon to assist a family facing eviction, and assisted them with two weeks of rent to give them an opportunity to get back on their feet after a financial setback. This intervention prevented the placement of two children.

I have worked as an investigation supervisor for the past 8 years, and have recently been reassigned to the Adolescent Services Unit. I will be putting in a CTC request today to assist with a young lady being transitioned from residential to a foster home who needs a winter coat, boots, and tap shoes for the school dance team.

The wonderful thing about Covenant to Care is not only the tangible items they offer, but the spirit of community care and christianity that is teaches to families and children in need.

I am proud of the work that Covenant to Care does, and proud to be a part of such an amazing community of care.

Thank you,

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