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Cathy Jamieson
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New Horizons Care Giver Group
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Dear Mrs. Jamieson,

On behalf of Valinda School of Academics, I would like to thank the New Horizons Caregivers Group for the generous donations that have been provided for our students and families this year. NHCG has provided our school with student raffle prizes that have been used throughout the year. These prizes have been used to enhance our Academic and Behavior Response to Intervention Program. These incentives are used to motivate students so that they can continue to do a great job in their attendance, attitude and/or academics. NHCG has built partnerships with other organizations that have also donated backpacks to our most needy students. They have provided students in need of school supplies and the tools necessary to succeed.

NHCG has made a tremendous impact on our school-wide parent involvement programs. These generous donations have brought families into our school that would have normally distanced themselves in the past. Every month we have a parent workshop at our site. For the month of December, NHCG provided approximately 40 food bags to our parents who attended a parent workshop on Internet Safety to learn about proper use of the internet with their children at home. We had a great turn out and parents were pleased with not only the food bags, but with the learning that took place. These donations will continue to assist students in reaching academic success because increased parent involvement results in higher student achievement.

Valinda School of Academics is considered a school-wide Title1 school because of the high percentage of students that are on free and reduced lunch (86%). We have a high percentage of students that come from homes that are struggling financially. NHCG has allowed us to improve school-wide programs and our parent involvement participation. It is critical that NHCG continue to work with the schools and the community. Through this partnership, students will continue to make the necessary academic gains.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Bermejo

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