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Dear Sally,

I would like to thank you for the *Minis and Friends* visit to Helping Hand Home! Our program is a licensed residential treatment center with a therapeutic foster care program. Both the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed meeting the Minis and had wonderful things to say about *Minis and Friends* staff. Our visit was a huge success, and the children have been excitedly talking about it amongst themselves and staff.

The children at Helping Hand Home range from four to thirteen years of age, and every child in attendance of your activity had wonderful things to say! Jasmine, one of the children who got to interact with the Minis, said that she really appreciated how the *Minis and Friends* staff taught about safety precautions to use with the horses, as well as details and facts about the horses that she did not know before! She learned rules, such as not standing behind a horse because they are liable to kick, and also not handing horses food because they will bite. Her favorite was a black horse because that particular horse was extra still, patient, and calm when being petted by the children.

We really appreciate how professional, detail-oriented, and empathetic the volunteers who accompanied the minis were with our children. Our entire staff was impressed, as were the children! It is important to surround our children with trusting people such as the ones with *Minis and Friends*.

I know the children of Helping Hand Home will remember this extraordinary visit with the Minis for a very long time to come. I encourage you to continue positively teaching and giving to other organizations in the community, as your visit was truly a gift for us, and I know others will appreciate it also. Thank you so much again for the wonderful opportunity!

Sincerely,

Jill Farver
Volunteer and Recreation Coordinator
Helping Hand Home for Children