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DEAR DR. STRAND;

HOW ARE YOU? WELL I HOPE? I WANTED TO TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO TOUCH BASE WITH YOU, EARLY ENOUGH, IN REFERENCE TO MY DAUGHTER TATYANALOWRY.

SURE ENOUGH, YOU ARE VERY FAMILIAR WITH MY DAUGHTER AND I, AS YOU HAVE HELPED US TREMENDOUSLY, THROUGH THE ASSISTANCE OF YOUR AGENCY, OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, ENSURING HER A VERY GOOD EDUCATION, THROUGH TUITION ASSISTANCE.

WE ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT, AND ALL THE KIND WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT, YOU CONSTANTLY GIVE ME OVER THE PHONE. WE ARE HUMBILY BLESSED, AND FILLED WITH A TREMENDOUS SENSE OF GRATITUDE.

AS YOU KNOW, TATYANA WILL BE GRADUATING FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL THIS YEAR, WITH AN A GRADE POINT AVERAGE, AND CLASS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE CLASS OF 2013! I AM SO PROUD OF HER!! I DO NOT HAVE TO GO INTO DETAIL WITH YOU, REGARDING OUR FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES, AS YOU ARE VERY WELL AWARE OF SUCH. I WRITE TO YOU TODAY, TO ASK THAT YOU CONTINUE TO CONSIDER TATYANA THIS SUMMER FOR THE FALL SCHOOL YEAR, IN ASSISTING US WITH HER HIGH SCHOOL TUITION/FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

WITH TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES UPON THE COUNTRY, ALREADY MARGINALIZED FAMILIES, SUCH AS MY DAUGHTER AND I, FACE THE MOST TROUBLING CIRCUMSTANCES. IN SPITE OF THESE TRIALS, I TRY THE BEST I CAN TO ENSURE THAT HER EDUCATIONAL NEEDS ARE MET. SHE IS A VERY BRIGHT AND AMBITIOUS YOUNG LADY, AND SHOULD BE AFFORDED THE OPPORTUNITIES, TO HELP HER ADVANCE AND UTILIZE HER POTENTIAL TO THE BEST OF HER ABILITIES. ONCE AGAIN, I AM ASKING FOR YOU, TO HELP MAKE THIS A REALITY FOR HER.

CURRENTLY, SHE IS LOOKING AT CARDINAL O'HARA HIGH SCHOOL, WEST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, AND CHRISTIAN ACADEMY IN BROOKHAVEN. IT IS MY SINCERE PRAYER THAT THE LORD WILL ALLOW HER TO ATTEND ONE OF THESE FINE INSTITUTIONS WHERE SHE CAN GROW NOT ONLY ACEDEMICALLY, BUT SPIRITUALLY AS WELL.

AS A SINGLE MOTHER, MY FAITH IS CONSTANLTY BEING TESTED, AS I STRUGGLE WITH CONSIDERING TUITION COSTS, AND APPRECIATING HER ACADEMIC TALENTS AND NEEDS. CONSIDERING THE TUITIONS OF THESE SCHOOLS, FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS, HAS ME IN A STATE OF CONSTANT WORRY! SHOULD I EAT? OR ALLOW MY DAUGHTER AN OPPORTUNITY, THAT WILL PUT HER IN A BETTER POSITION ONE DAY, THAN ME. AT THE END OF THE DAY, AS PARENTS, WE REALLY WANT OUR CHILDREN TO ADVANCE INTO A BETTER POSITION, THAN OURSELVES. THIS IS MY GREATEST DESIRE.

I KNOW WE HAVE SPOKEN EARLY ON DURING THIS SCHOOL YEAR, AT WHICH TIME, TATYANA ACTUALLY WAS FINE FOR HER LAST 8TH GRADE YEAR, AND YOU WERE ABLE TO BLESS ANOTHER FAMILY, WITH THE FUNDS , THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED FOR TATYANA. I AM EVER SO GRATEFUL, AND HAPPY THAT THIS WAS AN OPTION FOR SOMEONE ELSE. OUR DILLEMEA IS, BECAUSE WE DO NOT LIVE DIRECLTY WITHIN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA; THERE ARENT TOO MANY SCHOLARSHIP (OUTSIDE THE SCHOOLS) OPPORTUNITITES FOR US TO APPLY TO. THIS MAKES FINANCIAL PLANNING VERY DIFFICULT.

I PRAY THAT YOU TAKE OUR REQUEST INTO CONSIDERATION, AND CONTINUE TO SUPPORT TATYANA WITH HER EDUCATIONAL ENDEAVORS. I AM SURE SHE WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE YOU AND CHILDRENS FIRST VERY PROUD.

IN HIS NAME;

YOUR FRIEND,

MS. LAKEEA LOWRY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ms. Lakeea E. Lowry". The signature is written in black ink and includes a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.