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Dear Barbara and Greg,

As the Chairman of Canyon Acres Children and Family Services' Board of Directors, I am writing to express our collective, profound gratitude for the pro bono work recently completed on our behalf by Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker. We have been fortunate to have the support of Paul Hastings on numerous occasions in the past for some intermittent labor and real estate matters. What has been provided to Canyon Acres during the past year, however, has been truly extraordinary.

Canyon Acre is a mid-sized non-profit agency serving abused and neglected children in and around Orange County, California for the past 28 years. Late last year, another non-profit agency approached us requesting that we "merge" with them, as they were experiencing financial problems that would likely result in their closing. Our Board of Directors felt that the services provided by the other agency were of substantial benefit to children in the community, and looked for a way to make this happen.

The importance of Paul Hastings' willingness to assist with the legal process of this merger cannot be overstated. Without the services of such a quality law firm, I am not at all sure that the merger would have concluded as successfully as it did, or if it would have concluded at all. Alexander Lee, a partner in your Los Angeles office, was obviously instrumental in championing this project, and was involved throughout the process. Canyon Acres' Executive Director worked closely with several of your attorneys, including Jason Rednour, James Herriott, Goodarz Agahi and Robert Stevenson. All were incredibly responsive and keenly aware of the issues facing us during this time. In addition, Julie Schisler was extremely helpful with employment issues that arose.

Barbara and Gregg, I have been involved with Canyon Acres for over a quarter of a century. I have watched the agency change the lives of thousands of children during that time. I am exceptionally proud that, during the past six months, we have been able to salvage a struggling non-profit agency in our community. Because of your support, we will be able to serve hundreds more children each year, ensuring that children who are hurting are given a real chance by being adopted into loving families.

On behalf of the Canyon Acres' Board of Directors, our staff and – most importantly – the children and families we serve, I again extend our sincere appreciation for your support of our organization. It has truly been an honor to be represented by Paul Hastings, and it has been a real pleasure to work closely with so many wonderful folks.

Kindest regards,

Harry Winters
Chairman of the Board
Canyon Acres Children and Family Services