



Dear Jerry and Ventura County Sports Fishing Club Members,

On behalf of Ventura County Children and Family Services, I want to thank you for inviting Ventura County's foster children and the children living at the RAIN Project to participate in the Deep Sea Fishing trip on July 23rd. I am happy to have had the opportunity again this year to assist your organization with this event.

This is one of the most popular activities we offer for the foster children. The spaces were filled in less than two days and there were many kids on the waiting list. Many of the kids who were fortunate to get a spot had attended last year, but for many, this was their first experience fishing. After reading your follow-up email, it was very clear that the kids were in good hands with you and the other fishermen. Many of our foster families are not able to provide an opportunity like this and thanks to your organization, these children had an opportunity to experience something they may never have had a chance to do.

I know in these challenging economic times it is difficult to find funding for extracurricular activities and we appreciate everyone who contributed to this event. For our children these types of experiences are critical. Foster and homeless children have experienced lots of disappointment and often have low self esteem. The fishing trip is an opportunity for them to experience success and to feel good about themselves.

The donors and the fishermen have made a huge difference in the lives of these abused, neglected and homeless children. This was an experience they will never forget.

Thank you again for providing this wonderful opportunity for the kids. I look forward to working with you again next year!

Sincerely,

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