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Dear Mr. Casel:

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Congratulations to you for the outstanding and successful achievements your community-based care lead agency realized during National Adoption Month. We are certain that your Board of Directors is pleased with the outcome of your efforts as well. The number of adoptions that were finalized in the month of November has put our state ahead of where we were last year at this time. As a result, we are well on our way to reaching our adoption goal for fiscal year 2007-2008. It would be great if we could have an adoption month effort at least quarterly throughout the year. As a team, community-based care can and will continue to succeed on behalf of Florida's children.

We all realize that a finalized adoption is the culmination of many months, and in some cases even years, of hard work and dedication from numerous people. We need to be thankful for all our local organizations that helped to make our goals a reality. Also, we really appreciate the communities around our state that stepped up when the call was made. And finally, we need to recognize our adoptive parents who are the heroes that opened up their hearts and homes to Florida's children in need.

Through our endeavors, we have helped change the lives of many children forever. These children are now with permanent families and nurturing parents, and are on their way to becoming strong and productive citizens providing a hope and future for our entire state. There is not a more noble cause and we can be proud that we are a part of it

In the very near future, we will embark on a statewide marketing campaign to promote the adoption of Florida's children who are hardest to place. Through this effort, coupled with the important input and participation from all our community-based care lead agencies, we hope to achieve and exceed our adoption goals for the year. Thank you for all you've done and are continuing to do to bring all Florida's children home into loving, nurturing and permanent families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Kallinger".

Jim Kallinger
Chief Child Advocate