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Khira S. Williams
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The Easter Bunny Foundation
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RE: The Easter Bunny Visits 2010

Dear Khira:

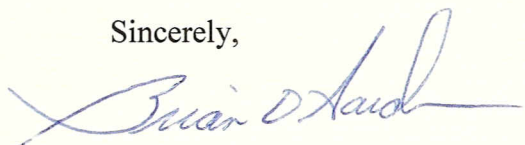
Easter morning, the Easter Bunny (Nikki Gardner), McGruff the Crime Dog (Reserve Deputy Mike Duffy), Reserve Deputy Veni Cassell, Reserve Commander Mike Haeder, and I visited the pediatric patients at St. Luke's Hospital and Mercy Medical Center in Cedar Rapids. In addition to personal visits from the Easter Bunny and McGruff, each child was also provided with a new plush toy, a coloring book, and crayons.

The Easter Bunny visits were covered by the local newspaper and the local ABC, CBS, and FOX television station affiliates.

This was my first year participating in this program as Sheriff, and I was surprised to see just how well received it was. Our appearance provided smiles and laughter to not only the hospitalized children, but to their siblings, parents, and the nursing staff as well. I found it interesting that the parents of the newborns were almost more excited to see us than the children.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to provide some additional happiness to boys and girls who might otherwise be experiencing a not-so-pleasant time away from family and friends during the Easter holiday. I look forward to participating in this program in the years to come.

Sincerely,



Brian D. Gardner
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