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Ms. Khira S. Williams  
The Easter Bunny Foundation  
2348 Falmouth Road  
Maitland, Florida 32751

Dear Ms. Williams:

On Saturday, April 3, 2010, Orleans Parish Civil Sheriff's Deputies Elizabeth Rizzo and Rick Ahmed along with Sgt. Valerie Martinez and two Junior Deputies from Lafourche Parish who were our Easter Bunny visited the Children's Hospital here in New Orleans. They were joined by a State Police Trooper. They visited the hospital room by room to visit with the children. The children were very happy to see the bunny and I'm sure it was a moment they will never forget.

Some of the children were extremely ill and could not get out of their beds. Others ran to the bunny and hugged him. Most of the children were happy to take their pictures with the bunny. All of the children very much appreciated their stuffed bunnies.

Our office would of course be thrilled to participate in the event again next year and look forward to that visit.

I thank you for the opportunity to participate in this most joyful and heartwarming experience. I look forward to working with you and Sgt. Martinez again next year.

Very truly yours,

**Nina N. Bankston,**  
**Administrative Assistant**

**P.S. -** I presume that Sgt. Martinez has forwarded the pictures on to you. Please let me know if that is not the case.