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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Dias,

As I sit here with no school today, I thought that it would be a great time to say to you in words what I feel in my heart.

I am so proud to be associated with you and with your family. You are an inspiration to me personally and professionally. I appreciate your integrity, drive, commitment, love for your children, and your ability to give so much of yourselves to others.

I first became aware of your family by observing a certain kid at Sterling in our coding and hour of code sessions. The kid, Aditya, was immediately noticeable by the abundance of hair and an abundance of creative genius in working with computers and in sharing his knowledge with others – even as a (as my wife says “Cute”) sixth grader. That caught my attention!

Secondly, Mr. Dias, you volunteered to work with the Chess Club at Sterling -- and continue even this year, as you and your family go through so many new events in your lives. As one of the key coaches for the Sterling Chess club, you have inspired students who this year talk proudly of the things that they learned from you during our Chess Club meetings last year. Additionally, I have noticed your commitment to your family through our frequent interactions over the past year. You are an unselfish person who loves to help others – thank you!

Thirdly, Mrs. Dias, you will never know how much you contributed to the Chess Club environment at Sterling and to me as the Chess Club Sponsor. You masterfully handled communication with parents; you gave them information about Chess Club Competitions, the ordering of Chess Sets, membership into the UCF, and more. Thank you for being there for an overwhelmed teacher of mathematics who was then just getting back into chess.

Fourthly, Neha was a great help to us whenever she was in town from college. I only got to know her well when she became a representative for Cutco. My wife and I observed a confident, talented, beautiful, and humorous young lady who was serious about her commitment to Cutco and to her customers.

It is clear to me that neither Aditya nor Neha would be as successful as they are if it had not been for your commitment to them from birth to the present. I think that I am in love with all of you!

I have thought about your family and your unselfishness from the beginning of the Chess Club at Sterling. I am so thankful that both of you stepped in to assist and continue to assist.

I continue to appreciate your contributions and to be aware of them especially during the past few months as you have had a number of decisions and adjustments to make.

It is my hope that Aditya and Neha will be able to step outside of their roles as children occasionally and to appreciate you as not “Just a Mom or Dad” but also as the talented professionals that you are.

Thank you!

Yours sincerely,

Horace N. Butler, Teacher of Mathematic and Friend