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Sarasota K9 Search & Rescue  
Joseph and Patricia Abrams  
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Dear Mr. & Mrs. Abrams:

On behalf of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC), I would like to thank you for the outstanding efforts by your team members during the search for Sarah Lunde, age 13, who went missing on April 9, 2005. I would like to recognize Cynthia L. O'Neill and Tamarie (Tami) Treadway, two members of Sarasota K9 Search & Rescue, for their dedication and determination in the search for Sarah.

On Friday, April 15, Lee Manning, Team Adam consultant with NCMEC, recommended to the Hillsborough County, Florida, Sheriff's Office that regional Civilian Search & Rescue Teams be activated through Florida ESF 9 to deploy to the Town of Ruskin, Florida, to assist in the search for Sarah. On Saturday, April 16, Cynthia and Tami deployed to Ruskin and were assigned to a search team with Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office TAC Officers and a member of Marion County Fire Rescue. They were assigned to search Segment "D," a swampy area with thick vegetation which also contained small bodies of water. Within a short period of time after inserting into Segment "D," both of their HRD K9s began to show interest. Through their excellent training and exceptional handling skills, they were able to locate a small pond approximately 30 yards away where both of their K9s alerted. Moments later, the body of Sarah Lunde was located by the search team within that body of water. It is very possible that her body might not have been located if not for the efforts of Cynthia and Tami with their K9s.

It is through the dedicated efforts of individuals such as Cynthia and Tami that missing children are found, and closure can be obtained for parents. We appreciate the assistance from Sarasota K9 Search & Rescue in the search for Sarah Lunde. Please accept our congratulations for the outstanding efforts of Cynthia O'Neill and Tami Treadway for a job well done.

Sincerely,

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