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Ms. Lin Seahorn, Executive Director
Children Without A Voice USA
Post Office Box 4351
Alpharetta, Georgia 30023

Dear Lin:

I very much appreciate your work as Founder and Executive Director of Children Without A Voice USA to raise awareness about the terrible problem of child abuse.

As you have helped me understand, child abuse in our country has reached epidemic proportions. Three million cases of child abuse are reported each year, and the United States Department of Justice estimates that three times as many cases go unreported.

These children are voiceless and defenseless against this abuse, and it falls to each of us to do what we can to help them. I applaud your initiative and wholeheartedly support your efforts.

I wish you every success with the upcoming Gala to benefit Children Without A Voice. I look forward to attending the event and doing all I can to help with your goal of ending this epidemic and breaking the cycle of abuse.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "David J. Shafer" with a stylized "DJS" monogram below it.

David J. Shafer
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