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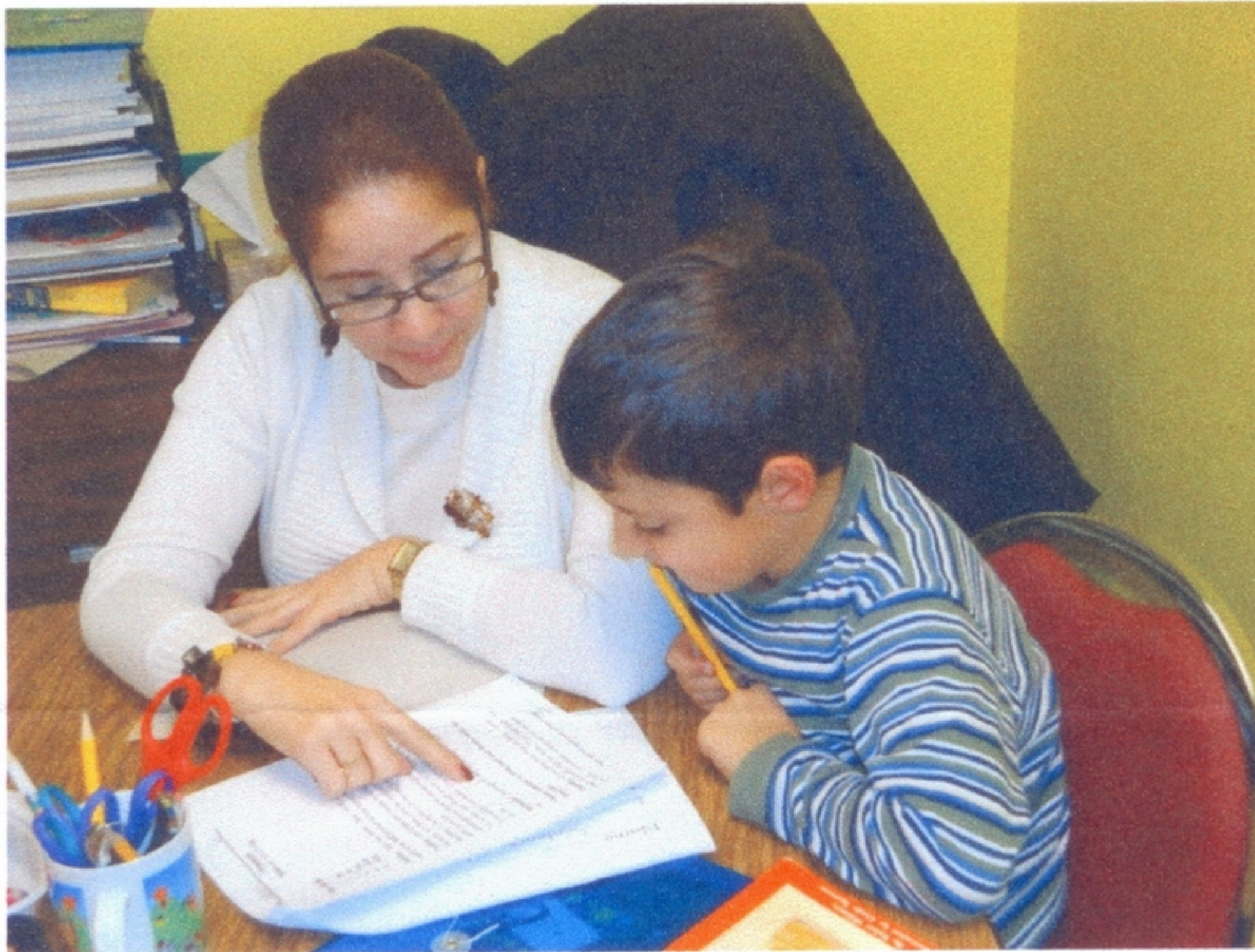
January 20, 2012

Ms. Kristen Idalski
Rivertown Runner
Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591

Dear Ms. Idalski,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, volunteers and especially the students of the RSHM LIFE Center, I thank you for the donation of \$5,500 from Rivertown Runner.

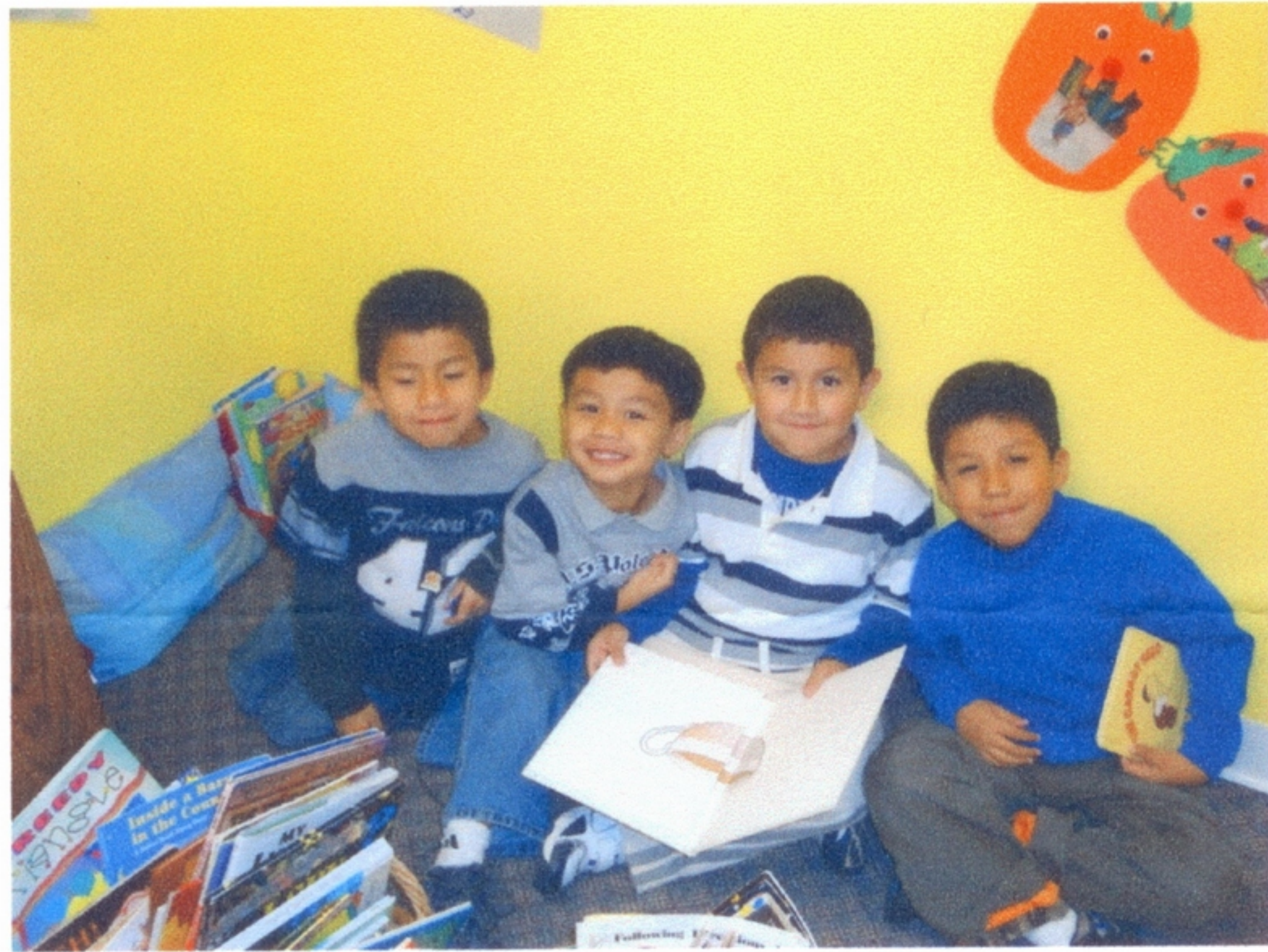
The donation will be used for the After School Program, to help fund a part-time, bilingual instructor who will focus on the children's English language development, assist them with their homework and school assignments and provide tutoring. The instructor also supports the children as they work on the computers, encourages them during the daily reading time and supervises recreation and enrichment activities. The Program provides regular computer access and instruction in order that these children gain the significant educational, economic, community participation and political advancement benefits increasingly linked to computer access for immigrant groups.



The After School Program strives to instill in the children solid study habits and a love of learning. And for the parents it provides the opportunity to work with peace of mind, knowing their children are safe, supervised and receiving the educational support they need.

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Since opening its doors in Sleepy Hollow in 1995, the RSHM Life Center has served 3,760 children between the ages of 3 and 16. Last year alone over 250 children participated in our programs....all with a focus on education, skill development and cultural enrichment. 98% of our children come from families living at or below the poverty level, and about half of the children coming into the After School program each year are very recent immigrants with no knowledge of English. Others, although raised in the United States, have heard only Spanish spoken before they begin kindergarten. They need as much help as possible to learn and to use English so that they can be successful scholars.



We are particularly proud that over forty children from our earliest classes, those who started with us in the 1990's, have gone on to colleges such as Fordham, Pace, Harvard, the New York School of Design, Yale, Boston College, Trinity, SUNY and the Culinary Institute of America.

We are very grateful to all of your runners for their training and hard work, and for their investment in our community.

The RSHM LIFE Center has not provided any goods or services to Rivertown Runner in consideration of the \$5,500 donation.



Sincerely,

Sr Susan Gardella

Sr. Susan Gardella, RSHM
Executive Director