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The Roy White Foundation  
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May 14, 2008

Dear Mr. Bauer,

I heard about the generosity of The Roy White Foundation in assisting children through my husband, Frank, and I was hoping that the foundation would be able to help a deaf student attending the National Technical Institute for the Deaf in Rochester, New York, starting September 2008.

I understand that the mission of the Roy White Foundation is to provide assistance in purchasing books for students entering college.

As Ernestina's case manager, I would describe her as creative, bright, energetic and eager to learn. It is her dream to attend college after graduation in June 2008.

Ernestina, a beautiful 18-year-old young woman, was only 26 months old when diagnosed with a severe to profound bilateral sensory neural hearing loss. Her younger brother is also hearing impaired, suggesting a genetic basis. At home she also has a younger sister and a two-year-old brother. Her parents are hard-working and immigrated to this country for a better life for their children. Although they work hard, it is difficult for them to provide the money necessary for all college expenses.

In her four years here at Passaic County Technical Institute, Ernestina has maintained a 3.6 grade point average. With her hard work and discipline she has moved from self-contained Deaf classes into Resource Center classes with an interpreter. Although all language-based skills, such as reading are difficult for her, she enjoys learning and has become an avid reader.

Ernestina has made honor roll several times, and in February of 2008, she was named Passaic County Tech's Student of the Month. Her extra curricular activities include the Sign Language Club and assistant manager for the Varsity Volleyball team for this past season. Although Ernestina did not play on the Varsity Volleyball team, she has been a part of the Intramural Volleyball team for three years.

Last year, with the generous donation by your foundation, Ernestina was able to attend a week long camp at NDIT, where she was exposed to the college setting. That opportunity allowed both Ernestina and her parents to see what NDIT had to offer. The experience left such an impression on Ernestina that she worked hard and studied hard in order to achieve the necessary ACT score to be accepted into

NDIT. The Roy White Foundation's generosity is responsible for allowing Ernestina the opportunity to change her life, and Ernestina, her family and I are eternally grateful.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at the above number.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dana Bascietto", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dana Bascietto  
Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant