



Mercy Housing

Mercy Housing California

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Ms. Sally Mallam
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Dear Ms. Mallam,

Mercy Housing California provides affordable service-enriched housing for low-income families throughout California. People living in our properties earn 0-60% of their county's median income and include families, seniors and persons with special needs such as the formerly homeless, people with developmental disabilities, and people living with HIV/AIDS. Our residents represent the rich ethnic diversity of the state: 20% are Black, 19% are Hispanic, 38% are White, 22% are Asian, and 1% are Pacific Islanders.

I want to express our sincere appreciation to Hoopoe Books and to Susan Josephs for the training and materials Hoopoe provided in the August workshop. And, I also want to acknowledge our gratitude to Kaiser Permanente Community Grants Program for funding this opportunity to Mercy Housing to provide 3,700 young people from our community with this excellent program.

I'd like to pass on how truly impressed all of us are in the program. The Resident Service Coordinators at each property and the participating children, young adults and their families are delighted with the Hoopoe books, the expert curricula and educational guidance. Our facilities are using the material and applying the excellent methods and assessment tools in our after-school programs at properties in San Francisco, Sacramento and Santa Cruz.

In the August workshop, Mercy Housing received lesson plans and materials for our four different age groups. I am writing to express our interest in participating in any future Share Literacy Program should the opportunity arise. I look forward to hearing from you on this possibility. Again, thank you!

Sincerely,

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Director of Resident Services

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