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Dear Evelyn,

As Tender Steps of New York, Inc. celebrates its tenth annual Visionary Luncheon on April 20, 2024, I am pleased to recognize the vital work that you do to assist children and their families in Rockland County. As a result of your group's dedication to helping kids and their families, they are better able to triumph over the numerous obstacles they confront.

The carefully constructed workshops available to children and their parents lay the groundwork for their academic and personal success. Attending workshops teaches skills for dealing with a myriad of real-life circumstances. Bullying Management, Child Anger Management, Conflict Resolution, Cyber Etiquette, Educational Advocacy, Effective Parent-Child Relations, Family Intervention, Life Skills for Independent Living, Management of Difficult Behaviors, Self-Esteem Workshop, and, most importantly, Trauma Support are all examples of the work you and your team are doing to bring these necessary supports to the Rockland County community you serve.

I extend my sincere congratulations to you and your team on this monumental undertaking. Constructing tangible initiatives to impact the well-being of children and their families during times of crisis is a challenging yet gratifying endeavor. In pursuit of impacting the lives of our most vulnerable children, you collaborate with partners, including schools, the juvenile justice system, group homes, and sanctuaries for young adolescent parents, and establish protocols and concrete information. The objective of Tender Steps of New York is being met. I would like to express my gratitude and on behalf of the New York State Education Department, I commend your diligent efforts.

Sincerely,



Betty A. Rosa
Commissioner