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Dear Friends:

A recent series about foster care in the *New York Times* highlighted the problems experienced by a number of New York's foster care agencies, including St. Christopher's Inc. located in Dobbs Ferry. Because of your commitment to SCO Family of Services, formerly St. Christopher-Ottilie, I want to reassure you that our agency is not, nor have we ever been, related to St. Christopher's Inc**.** Periodically over the years, and especially since the severity of the problems at St. Christopher's Inc. came to light back in 2005, people have been confused by the similarity of our names.

As a strong believer in the benefits agencies like ours provide for children and families throughout the New York area, I am saddened by the stories that continue to come out of Dobbs Ferry and elsewhere. Our agency continues to do whatever we can to help the children and families affected.

I hope that, if you have any further questions about this issue, you will call Renee Swanson in our development office at 516-671-1253. She can answer your questions or refer them to me should you wish her to do so. We value your support and your commitment to our mission. I want to assure you that we take the trust you have invested in our ability to deliver quality services to New York's most vulnerable children and families very seriously.

Sincerely,

Robert J. McMahon
Executive Director

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