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Ms. Colleen Gallagher
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Dear Colleen & Diving For A Cause Members:

Please accept our most heartfelt appreciation for your wonderful support of FOOD Share and those who are hungry in Ventura County. Our families so appreciate your gift of "fish" from your Blue Tuna Spearfishing/DFAC Celebrate Bonnie Row Invitational event. It is simply amazing that your group of spear fishermen caught 350 pounds of fresh fish to help us feed our hungry friends and neighbors! This is something that our families would not be able to afford, yet it is so important for a healthy diet.

Did you know that we are currently assisting 74,500 people each month in Ventura County? That figure is up over 60% from last year and we anticipate our numbers will be at 90,000 per month by next year. We find that only 10% of those we serve are homeless and then another 20 % seniors on a fixed income, with the balance being hard working families that just cannot quite make ends meet. So you can imagine how delighted we were to be able to share your bounty with those we serve. Your fresh fish from this event went directly to one of our largest partners the Rescue Mission, where they make approximately 1,250 meals every day. The chef and culinary arts group were delighted to have this delicious fish.

I think it's just wonderful for a group such as yours to be able to use your passion for diving to generate good will for needy families with the gift of fish you harvested earlier this month. This has made such a difference for the struggling families we assist. Thank you for selecting to work with FOOD Share we so appreciate your generosity and kindness. Please keep us in mind next year as we'd love to continue to partner with you helping to *feed the need* on our community. Happy fishing!

Most gratefully,

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