Dear ShareFest,

I'm writing because I wanted to thank the ShareFest organization. I'm thankful for the areas in which this organization has offered to assist my sons and I. No one has ever reached out to us in such a way that I am still overwhelmed by it all. It's difficult to think of without "tearing up". It's always been difficult for me to ask for help. Even though we don't have a lot of income, I've never felt like a victim and God always seems to provide the basic necessities. I feel bad though sometimes when I realize what "extras" we do without – like my boys participating in sports. Statistics show how important it is for young people to be involved in activities that they are passionate about or that add to their character and social development. My boys are so excited about the assistance you have offered to us. (So am I) We are so grateful that your program exists. What a wonderful group of people you all must be, and right here in the South bay. God has truly blessed us here with programs and people like you.

And I especially wanted to say "THANK YOU" for the flowers delivered on Mother's Day, along with the wonderful letter that came along with it. I will keep it forever and refer to it whenever I have days where I am experiencing doubt or discouragement. It was so uplifting and even <u>therapeutic</u>! It's been many years since I've received flowers. I'd forgotten how much I love them and how uplifting a thing of pure, simple beauty can be. I still "tear up" thinking about that blessing that day. It was such a surprise that it left me speechless (note: It takes a <u>lot</u> to leave <u>me</u> speechless) every time I'd look at those beautiful flowers. (What a wonderful selection too, by the way)

Anyway, I thank you again. And I pray that soon, I will be financially able to "<u>give</u>" to the ShareFest organization, to offer those blessings to another. God bless you and thank you for <u>all</u> you do.

Sincerely,

(The writer's name was taken out for privacy purposes)

P.S.) I wanted to say a personal 'THANK YOU' to the lady and the young man who delivered the Mother's Day flowers. Since I was detaining my two small dogs, as my mother came outside to receive the vase of flowers, they did not get to see my expression of surprise and overwhelming gratitude. Thank you for spending your day making mine (and others) full of blessings! Like I said, I'm still uplifted by your generosity.