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**My Second Home**

95 Radio Circle Drive  
Mount Kisco, NY 10549  
Ms. Rina Bellamy, Director

Dear Ms. Bellamy:

After Superstorm Sandy I was responsible for an elderly displaced relative. Geraldine McGrath is 88 years old and is afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease.

She resided for 84 years in a home in Lindenhurst, New York that had never flooded. She lost everything. During the storm she was evacuated to New Jersey, then to a relative in Lindenhurst who was housing ten people in a small apartment. The family decided she was to live with me until the current crisis was over.

Ill equipped to deal with a person as disoriented as Geraldine because of the upheaval in her routine and surroundings - I reached out for help. Friends told me of the wonderful work at your agency, My Second Home.

Geraldine went into your care three days a week for two and a half months. It was extraordinary to see the concern, the love and the kindness of the staff, not just to Geraldine but to each and every client cared for by your valiant people. Every day I was amazed to see the patience and devotion of a group who were not merely doing a job but answering a calling. Almost everyone wants to help children. Few care about the elderly, especially those with special needs.

Each morning, we were greeted with such good will and cheerfulness. Geraldine was never alone and reported to me each day on the wonderful quality of the food and the interests of the people with whom she spent the day. She shared with me her art projects which we proudly hung around the house. She spoke of the travelogues, the puzzles and the singing. She especially liked the children she got to spend time with and about whom she spoke with enthusiasm.

Words cannot express my gratitude and my admiration to everyone at My Second Home for what they have done for Geraldine and for me. She is settled near the family in The Bristol in Massapequa, an assisted living facility. All seems to be going well.

I would especially like to call to your attention the work of Margaret DeRose who listened to my concerns, and talked me through so much of what was happening to Geraldine and to me, of which I had no previous experience and no insight. Her professionalism and her guidance got me through many a difficult morning. Her counsel was invaluable.

All, at My Second Home in whatever capacity they serve, will always have a very special place in my heart and in my prayers. You have no idea of the impact you have on people's lives- patient and caregivers alike. God Bless you.

Sincerely,

*You may use this letter  
however you wish  
Helen Grishman*

Copy: Margaret DeRose