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The Magic of Rafael & Katia 127 S. Gage Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90063

Dear Rafael & Katia,

On behalf of the children and staff at the Court Shelter Care Program, I want to thank you for the magical performance on September 17, 2009. You both were magnificent! The children and staff were absolutely delighted to have you as guest performers. The magic tricks captivated the younger children, older youth and the staff alike. The overall performance including the storytelling and magic tricks was truly entertaining.

As you are aware, the Children's Court Shelter Care Program provides childcare services for dependent and pending dependent children awaiting their dependency court hearings. Our program serves approximately 1300 – 1800 children every month. It is our goal to to decrease the trauma of the Court process and to support the children and youth by providing a safe and supportive environment. Providing children and youth in Shelter Care with fun, exciting and creative performances not only helps ease the anxiety of being in Court, but it also may help inspire our children to pursue different hobbies, career paths and/or simple stress relieving activities.

Again we thank you for the wonderful peformance!

Sincerely,

Janice Johnson

Program Manager