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USO of Northern Ohio
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Dear USO:

Thank you for all the time and effort you devoted to Operation Families First in the greater Cleveland area. Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Cleveland had a wonderful holiday party due, in no small part, to the holiday gifts you provided to our children and your generous donations, which we utilized to purchase beautiful gift baskets and decorations.

At times, our members are not able to be home with their loved ones over the holidays, making the season often a difficult time for our children. The gifts the children received brought smiles to their faces, and provided their parents wonderful memories for years to come.

Please pass along my appreciation to your staff and the volunteers that helped make Operation Families First a great success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. J. Gleason", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

J. J. Gleason
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