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Ms, Carla Clark
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Dear Ms. Carla Clark,

As Head Start celebrates its 50th year throughout 2015, I want to recognize the important work local Head Start and Early Head Start programs do each and every day on behalf of the children and families across the nation.

In 1965, Head Start began by funding programs nationwide to serve more than half a million children in an eight-week summer program. We currently have more than 1,700 Head Start and Early Head Start grantees across the nation; and together you provide comprehensive services to over a million children and families each year. Shasta County Head Start Child Development is indeed a vital thread in the national fabric of Head Start. Through the ongoing efforts of your parents, staff, and the leadership of the Governing Board and Policy Council, you bring the Head Start vision to life and fulfill the nation's promise to our children and families. You are the face of Head Start and I am so very proud of your accomplishments.

Thank you, Shasta County Head Start Child Development, for your dedication in supporting the youngest children and their families in your community. You offer a valuable lifeline that helps so many children reach their full potential. The hard work you do every day is extremely important and strengthens our national Head Start legacy. Let us continue working together to lead the way in the field of early childhood education, and leading the way to success for our nation's most vulnerable children and families.

Sincerely,

Dr. Blanca Enriquez
Director
Office of Head Start