



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

ALEX PENELAS  
MAYOR

May 14, 2003

Scott W. Jager  
Christian Contractors Association, Inc.  
P.O. Box 15615  
Brooksville, Florida 34604

Dear Mr. Jager:

The recent tornado that slashed through the Liberty City area caused immense damage to a great number of homes and families. Although the devastation of the storm was in a concentrated area, it killed one resident, injured and disrupted the lives of hundreds of people.

The storm's path cut through a neighborhood of homes. The people who live in these homes are our neighbors; members of the Miami-Dade family.

We are a community that shines in times of crisis. In the days following the storm Chainwoman Barbara Carey-Shuler, Commissioner Dorrin Rolle, and I called upon our county employee colleagues, local businesses, community-based and faith-based organizations, civic groups and individual residents to help rebuild this stricken neighborhood. Thanks to people like you, the call was answered. The charity of our residents, honed by hurricanes and tempered by floods and disaster, is one of Miami-Dade's finest qualities.

Again, thank you for your effort and generosity. We very much appreciate you and all that you have done for our community.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Penelas".

Alex Penelas  
Mayor