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Kids First Swim School
Attention: Gary Roth
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Dear Mr. Roth,

My husband and I wish to inform you and your staff that we believe Kids First Swim School saved our son Harrison's life!

Last Saturday, April 17, 2004 started as usual; we chauffeured Harrison (age 5) and Hannah (age 3) to ballet/tap lessons followed by their noon swimming lessons at your school. It was a beautiful, hot 88-degree, day. We decided to enjoy an afternoon of fishing with the children at Centennial Lake in Columbia, Maryland. We fished from the dock and as luck would have it, the only one to catch a fish was Harrison. He was so amazed with his catch that he kept playing with the fish. Harrison climbed over the railing of the dock to play with his fish that had been strung and left in the water. As a nervous mother, I asked him to come back on the other side of the railing. Just as I finished speaking, I saw him go head first into the lake. He was submerged down in the murky water and I was frightened. I let out a scream that got everyone's attention and then I began my task of getting over the dock railing and into the water.

By the time I got half way into the water to attempt a rescue, Harrison surfaced, took a deep breath and started swimming for the dock. He reached the dock and was able to pull himself out of the water before anyone could attempt a rescue. Although he was surprised by his fall into the lake, the most important fact was that he did not panic and he implemented the swimming techniques he learned at Kids First Swim.

Both Harrison and Hannah have been swimming at your school since January 2004. My husband and I see the dramatic improvements they have made. We have tried other swimming programs and feel that Kids First Swim School offers a quality service, especially the small class size. Our outcome was a happy one because of the four months of swimming instruction at your school.

Sincerely,

