

February 24, 2017

Mr. Holten,

I would like to start this letter by saying Thank You for all you do for the students in Rio Rancho. I have been extremely fortunate and grateful to have the opportunity to meet you, and have you present your life story to my students, and the students who also participated. I truly believe that hearing your story gave a new perspective to the students; a perspective which is not common for today's learners. I hope that you may continue to give your story to anyone who is willing to listen.

After hearing your story, multiple times, I wanted to be able to do something that may provide some sort of closure that you are missing, and have missed throughout your life. This is a small gesture, but when I heard you tell about the Monument in Holland that is going to be built, I knew it was God's way of telling me this is something we can do. After contacting the organization putting this together, I have found it to be possible to adopt the names of your parents. With the help of Mrs. Denice Smith, and my six classes, we were able to raise enough money to adopt these names on your behalf. With how quick we were able to raise the money, I realized just how much your story has affected the students. They were more than happy to be able to be a part of this, and got it done. I know it is not much, but I hope this helps you find some sort of peace.

Again, I am especially grateful for what you do. You have influenced my life and my teaching just from telling your story. Your courageousness, ability to overcome adversity, and forgiveness are values I hope to continue to endeavor upon throughout my life. From myself, my classes, and all students affected and influenced, we say Thank You.

With Appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Omar N Sosa', with a stylized, cursive script.

Omar N Sosa

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