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To whom it may concern,

I have been browsing thru The Big E website and came across the ESE Foundation page and thought it would be great to share my "most memorable experience" with you.

Every year since 1994 I have worked at The Big E. Initially I started as a salesman, selling various products throughout the years. During The Big E in 1997 I met a wonderful lady named Marilyn, who returned back to Massachusetts from New York State to visit her beloved Big E. Marilyn had been a regular visitor to The Big E since attending Bobbin Hollow Horse Camp in Belchertown as a little girl. During this visit, Marilyn stumbled upon my booth and we instantly fell in love.

During the next couple of years Marilyn and I decided to marry and make a future together, of course our big dilemma was where to live. Marilyn was from New York State and I was still living in Canada. Marilyn attempted life in Canada and I tried life in New York and we both could not adapt to life in either place. With both of us now having a history in Western Massachusetts and both loving The Big E, plus it being our initial meeting place, we thought Western Massachusetts would be a terrific place to relocate.

In the summer of 2000 we married and starting looking for a home in the area and decided to buy a house and live in Belchertown. In January of 2001 we moved into our new home and starting expanding our business and considering having children.

As of today's date, we still live in Belchertown with our 2 children. Our son Nicolas has anxiously been waiting to ride the Giant Slide since his first visit to The Big E. He will be 5 this summer and I think he will finally get his chance. We currently operate our business in South Hadley and employ approximately 20 people in Massachusetts. We have been active vendors at The Big E for the past 4 years and look forward to many more successful and fun years to come.

I am not sure if this is the type of story you are looking for, but it is a joyful and memorable experience for both my wife and I. We would be interested in knowing more about the Foundation, and it would be rewarding if we were able to participate with the ESE Foundation. I would also like to explore opportunities within the scholarship programs.

Respectfully,

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President

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