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THE FORTE FOUNDATION 9600 ESCARPMENT 745 PMB 72 AUSTIN, TX 78749

Employer Identification Number: 61-1457145 DLN: 17053083900067 Contact Person: ID# 31208 MINNIE M FEE Contact Telephone Number: (877) 829-5500 Public Charity Status: 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

## Dear Applicant:

Our letter dated January 2004, stated you would be exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and you would be treated as a public charity, rather than as a private foundation, during an advance ruling period.

Based on the information you submitted, you are classified as a public charity under the Code section listed in the heading of this letter. Since your exempt status was not under consideration, you continue to be classified as an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the

Publication 557, Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization, provides detailed information about your rights and responsibilities as an exempt organization. You may request a copy by calling the toll-free number for forms, (800) 829-3676. Information is also available on our Internet Web Site at

If you have general questions about exempt organization . Brase call our toll-free number shown in the heading.

Please keep this letter in your permanent records.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Choi Director, Exempt Organizations Rulings and Agreements

Letter 1050 (DO/CG)