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Craig A. Downs  
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Dear Mr. Downs,

On behalf of the Coral Disease and Health Consortium (CDHC), I would like to thank your organization for their generous donation of 12 stainless steel coring devices. As a member of the CDHC, your organization has always been ready to assist in a number of ways to expand our basic knowledge of corals and increase our understanding of factors that compromise their health.

We appreciate your continued support of CDHC efforts as we move into the area of coral disease outbreak investigations. The coring devices you have donated will greatly assist our Response Teams in sampling during investigations and their high quality steel construction will also be valuable in providing a standard material in cases that require contaminant analyses of samples.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheryl M. Woodley".

Cheryl M. Woodley, Ph.D.  
Chair  
Coral Disease and Health Consortium

