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Dear Family, Friends, and Acadiana Community,

We come to you with the greatest sense of urgency and need. We need your help in Bringing Home the Niña and Her Crew! We are holding a benefit concert to raise the much needed money necessary to continue to fund the search in order to bring home the crew of the Niña. I am sure by now you have heard the story of the Niña.

Danielle Wright, the beautiful 19 year old aboard the vessel, is one of our very own. She is the daughter of Ricky and Robin Wright. She is a very bright young lady. She has spent most of her life in the Baton Rouge area, was homeschooled by her mom, and after sailing with her parents for better than a year, she started college at the early age of 16. When Danielle expressed her desire to attend UL, her parents made the choice to settle in Lafayette so they could be close to their daughter.

Most recently, Danielle was invited on the trip of a lifetime, to spend the summer with friends sailing from New Zealand to Australia aboard the Niña. They left port on May 29th and ran into several storms and have not been heard from since June 4th. New Zealand's Rescue Coordination Centre led the search efforts in June when the Niña went missing, but suspended the search when no traces of the 85-year-old vessel or its seven crewmembers were found. An undelivered text message proved that the Niña and its crew survived two storms but the contents of the message were not release until July 5th. It was at that time the Wrights contacted Texas EquuSearch and launched their own private search. They believe their daughter and the crew of the Niña are drifting and waiting to be rescued.

New Zealand has imposed a 25% tax over and above the cost of the private plane as well as a 100% tax on the fuel for the plane, thereby drastically increasing to cost of the search. Presently, the search is costing upward from \$15,000 to \$20,000 per day. The Wrights need your help. They cannot do this alone. They have received very generous donations but those moneys are running out. They still need the help of our community to bring their daughter home.

A benefit concert will be held on Saturday, September 7, 2013 at Blackham Coliseum from 10am – 8pm. We need corporate sponsors to cover the cost of out of pocket expenses such as stage, sound, and security. We will also be holding a live and silent auction and are looking for auction items such as hunting and fishing trips, weekend getaways, hosted dinners, barbeque pits, gas grills, jewelry, etc.

Enclosed you will find two (2) sponsorship forms for your consideration. One is for monetary donations and the other for in-kind donations such as auction items. If you would like to sponsor this benefit and become part of the search efforts in Bringing Home the Niña and Her Crew, please fill out either form and return it along with your sponsorship at your earliest convenience to the address listed on the form. If you have any questions, please call 337-234-7008. If no answer, please leave a message and either Ricky, Robin, or one of the volunteers will return your call.

Donations of any size are most welcomed and very much appreciated. No gift is too big or too small! Ricky and Robin Wright, along with the 4 other families, deeply appreciate your generosity and kindness during this terrific storm in their lives. And through it all, they are standing strong in their faith and holding onto hope that we will soon be Bringing Home the Niña and Her Crew! So please join us on September 7, and let's help make that happen. Join us and be a part of that joyous day when we bring home the Niña and Her Crew!

Captain David Dyché III, his wife, Rosemary and son, David, IV, along with Danielle Wright, Matt Wootton, Evi Nemeth, and Kyle Jackson thank you in advance for your kind generosity. They are all fighters and are hanging onto hope and want so desperately to come home as much as their families need them home!

With heartfelt gratitude,

The loved ones of the Crew of the Niña