*A Letter from Santa Claus:*

Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

I am so glad you have welcomed my magical Scout Elf into your family! I know you will love visiting with him as we count down the days to Christmas Eve. In the book that came with your elf, you probably heard my rule, ***“if you touch your elf, his magic ‘might go’ and then I won’t hear all your elf has seen or knows.”***

My dear child, part of my job as Santa Claus is to know everything I can about each little boy and girl on my list. I know you are a blind child, and I understand how you use your other senses, like hearing, taste, smell, and touch, to help you experience the world around you. You may even read braille. Did you know that I can read braille too?

Christmas is a magical time of year, and everyone deserves to “feel it.” The elf that I sent to be your scout was selected especially for you! His magic is extremely unique because he can only be touched by a visually impaired child! Every morning when you discover where your elf has been hiding, you have my permission to feel what he’s been up to. Grab his hands and see what he’s holding. Run your fingers down his legs to feel if he’s cold from his journey back from the North Pole. Hold his tiny body close to your nose and take a whiff. Does he smell like gingerbread? If he does, I bet it’s because he’s been sneaking cookies from Mrs. Claus’ kitchen. Ho! Ho! Ho!

If anyone may have worried you about ruining the magic of Christmas because you have touched my elf, please don’t listen to them. There are many people in this world who are convinced we *“must see in order to believe,”* but I know each of us all feels the spirit of Christmas differently. Your visual impairment will never stop you from knowing the joy and magic of this wondrous season! Remember, you have my permission to always touch your Elf on the Shelf.

I look forward to visiting your house on Christmas Eve, and I will do my very best to make sure you get everything on your list. I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas! Take good care of my elf!

Love,
Santa