



Dave Schlosser

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To whom it may concern,

I have known Matthew Larson for the past year and find him to be an exemplary young man highly devoted to the educational enrichment of children, especially those who may need extra attention or present special challenges.

Matthew became a youth mentor at Pride, Inc. in April of 2015 while attending the University of Mary. I quickly recognized his passion to pursue a career in education and challenged him to experience working with children with a full spectrum of emotional disorders and learning impairments. Matthew has earned the respect of myself and the numerous professionals in our region who refer children to our program for guidance in mastering educational and social goals. He has attended and contributed to the team process at numerous IEPs and care plan meetings. Families are elated when I inform them that I will have Matthew become part of their team.

Matthew has been a highly-valued team member who's opinions and expertise help shape our program as we seek to evolve with the challenges we experience on a daily basis. During his time with us Matthew has played an integral part in the orientation of new mentors in our program. He has spent countless hours planning and developing incentives for children we serve to work on reading, develop study skills and feel comfortable as the future of our community.

I applaud this young man for his many talents, patience, resourcefulness and dedication to children. He is truly an outstanding candidate for your consideration .

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Schlosser". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "D".

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