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Susanne Foulk
C/O Susan Opps, Foundation of Greater Learning
1137 Huntington Drive, Suite A
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Dear Suzanne,

It is with great confidence that I lend my support to you for funding pursual for the continued provision of literacy services to children at the Edelman Children's Court, Shelter Care Program.

Susanne, since the inception of the Edelman Children's Court Literacy Program in 2000, you have demonstrated unwavering commitment to enriching the lives of victimized children and children at-risk of abuse and neglect through literacy development.

In your work as the Literacy Specialist, you have developed individual and group learning concepts, evaluation tools and educational opportunities to expand and support children's interests in literacy at the Edelman Children's Court Shelter Care Program. These experiences have provided tremendous information and resource support to the department's case managers, children's attorneys and to the professionals involved in the educational planning and service delivery to children in out-of-home care.

Your educational training combined with your professional teaching experiences enabled you to meet a broad range of children's individual literacy instruction needs. Your utilization of teaching approaches included group reading, storytelling, self-created poetry and interactive play, focused on phonics development and whole language reading exposures. These multi-median approaches were far reaching in establishing an environment where children felt safe to explore their abilities, engage in new experiences and to share critical assessment information.

Susanne, you created a resource filled computer learning program for children that allowed children to pursue literacy, in confidence. At the same time, a peer support environment was created, which not only encouraged literacy mentoring, but also facilitated emotional connectedness and support for children experiencing similar family crisis.

Susanne Foulk – Support Letter

Individual and group teaching techniques encouraged children to develop an appreciation for reading, interest in the acquirement of new knowledge and entertainment through literacy. Your personal investment in the development of a computer software and video-driven resource library facilitated children's interactions with multi-subject learning programs. This continuum of learning is important and required for children who often miss excessive days from school due to court proceedings.

Suzanne, your ability to develop resource collaboratives with colleges, vocational training programs, museums, and the community, at large, has been exceptional. Your passion for the Juvenile Court Services Shelter Care Literacy Program has been demonstrated through your creative and proactive approaches to the promotion of literacy. Examples include your participation in the Annual Judicial Conference, linkages to web-based literacy resources and the thoroughness in which you have tracked individual youth.

I support your continued funding pursuits for the continuation of literacy services to children at the Edelman Children's Court, Shelter Care Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janice Johnson". The signature is written in black ink and has a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Janice Johnson, Program Manager
Juvenile Court Services
Shelter Care Program