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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

IT IS WITH DEEP HONOR AND RESPECT THAT I WRITE THIS LETTER TO DEMONSTRATE MY PERSONAL, AS WELL AS PROFESSIONAL, SUPPORT FOR KARA AND DANIEL HIDALGO. THEIR DESIRE TO CREATE VISUAL ART WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN ALLOWS FOR THEIR UNIQUE GIFTS AND TALENTS TO BE SHARED, AS WELL AS PROVIDES A SAFE PLACE FOR THE GIFTS AND TALENTS OF THE COMMUNITY'S CHILDREN TO BLOSSOM AND GROW.

THE ARTS PROVIDE UNIQUE GIFTS TO US ALL. THROUGH THE PROCESS OF CONSTRUCTING, CREATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING AND CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS ARE DEVELOPED. THESE SKILLS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR GREATER COMPREHENSION OF THE SELF AND OF DIVERGENT PERSPECTIVES. THE EMOTIONS ARE ENGAGED WHEN CREATING. IT TAKES CONCENTRATION, CONFIDENCE, AND CONTROL TO EXPRESS ONE'S THOUGHTS, FEELINGS AND DESIRES IN A PIECE OF WORK. AND FINALLY, THE ARTS PROVIDE A FOUNDATION FOR COMMUNITY AS IT CREATES A SENSE OF BELONGING BASED ON THE DISTINCT CONTRIBUTIONS OF EACH INDIVIDUAL.

I ADMIRE AND APPRECIATE THE GOALS OF KARA AND DANIEL. I FEEL THEIR WORK WILL SERVE THEIR COMMUNITY TO THE FULLEST, BEGINNING WITH EACH CHILD THAT IS GIVEN A CHANCE TO SHINE THEIR LIGHT THROUGH WORKS OF ART.

WITH BEST REGARDS,

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