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To whom it may concern:

My name is David Gollnsneider and I am the supervisor of Venture Academy in Meriden, CT. Venture Academy is an alternative public high school that serves the individual and special needs of emotionally and behaviorally disturbed adolescents. As part of their educational experience, many students are matched with community employment opportunities. This allows them to earn an income, high school credits, and gain valuable job experience. The students who earn this opportunity look forward to going to work and enjoy the experience they gain from it.

For several months, the students from Venture Academy have been volunteering at Master's Manna. Master's Manna is a staple in the Meriden-Wallingford community and serves many surrounding towns as well. They provide food, clothing, toiletries, and many other vocational and health services to anybody in need, regardless of their lifestyle, economic status, or religion. The Venture Academy students have been working with the staff in many areas of the organization. They have had the opportunity to work with managers, building job skills, working independently, learning to work with other people towards completing tasks, money management, react to sudden changes, and to build a strong community.

Many students who have not been successful elsewhere have become both accomplished and successful at Master's Manna. They work without complaint and always seek other tasks to do. Because of these successes, even more students are being given the opportunity to work at Master's Manna for the positive work experience.

On top of the work experience, Master's Manna has supplied many of the students with winter coats, clothing, and boxes of food for their families. The majority of the student population is very low-income and the donations that come from Master's Manna allow them to have the security of having food and clothing when they may not have had anywhere else to get it from.

The students and staff are grateful for the many opportunities that Master's Manna has given our students, their families, and the surrounding community. We look forward to all future opportunities to work with such a wonderful organization.

Sincerely,

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