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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have had the privilege of working with Tara Gremillion over the past six months as a volunteer for our Eugene office. Tara initially contacted me to inquire about volunteer opportunities within our organization. She presented as professional, positive, energetic and committed. Perhaps what impressed me most upon our initial meeting was her genuine enthusiasm and curiosity to learn about all aspects of our organization. This included her willingness to attend several of our local patient education programs on various types of blood cancer.

Here at the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society our mission is to find a cure for blood cancers and to improve the quality of life for the patients and families we serve. My role, as a patient services manager, involves providing direct services to patients and families via phone counseling, support groups, patient educational programs, financial aid programs and educational programs for healthcare professionals. I work alone covering a vast territory including the 541 area code of Oregon, Idaho and Montana. Volunteers are an essential part of our organization. We literally could not do what we do without dedicated people like Tara.

Tara volunteers once a week for several hours. She helps me with general office duties such as data entry, filing, answering phones, helping with mailings, etc. She is professional, timely, detail-oriented, bright, compassionate and has a good sense of humor. I know I can entrust her to handle projects independently. I also know that she is not afraid to ask when she needs clarification. Tara has been able to utilize her public relations and marketing skills by helping me advertise our services and programs within our three state region. She has demonstrated her ability to think innovatively and creatively by seeking out these opportunities, particularly highlighting events which are newsworthy and may provide us with free visibility.

I firmly believe Tara will be an asset to any organization. She is bright, capable and self motivated. I recommend her highly.

Sincerely,

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