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To Whom it May Concern,

Friends of the Children is a long term professional mentoring organization dedicated to empowering youth through a 12 1/2 year mentoring commitment. Friends of the Children selects kindergarten youth to participate in a 12 1/2 year program that targets School Success, Social and Emotional development, Plans and Skills for the Future, Making Good Choices, and Improved Health.

Our commitment to children facing the highest risk extends beyond the classroom, their home, and their extra curricular involvement. We are invested in ensuring all youth who participate in our program have a close, healthy, and sustained relationship with a caring adult. Our mentors have positive expectations and involve our youth in meaningful activities. Our work is intentional and successful.

YDC funding has allowed us the ability to sustain our 12 1/2 year commitment to each and every child enrolled in Friends of the Children. Our overall goal as an organization is to eradicate generational poverty one successful child at a time. Our model is based on evidence that low-income and minority youth faced with systematic barriers to education are much more likely to achieve success with a long-term, intensive commitment from an adult mentor.

Our approach is proactive. Our work is intentional. Our mentors are fearless. YDC funding supports the proactive, intentional, and fearless work that Friends of the Children - Klamath Basin are providing to our communities youth facing the highest risk.

Thank you,

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