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To whom it may concern:

I have known Karen Eber Davis since 1999, when she began working with Renaissance Manor to help us develop our grant program. Since that time she has completed a number of projects to help us to obtain funding from sources that included:

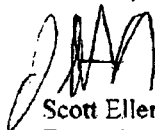
- SHIP-Sarasota, 2001
- SHIP-Lee County, 2002
- Selby Foundation, 2001
- Community Foundation of Sarasota, 2001,2002
- Wilson-Wood Foundation, 2000,2001,2002,2003
- Sarasota County Grants-in-Aid, 2001, 2002
- The Venice Foundation (now the Gulf Coast Community Foundation), 2002
- HUD Federal Continuum of Care for Lee County, 2002
- HUD Federal Continuum of Care for Sarasota County, 2002
- Shelter Plus Care, 2002
- HOME Funds, 2003
- CDBG Funds, 2003

I have always found her to be highly competent on the various tasks including, creating budgets, leveraging of funds, matching of funds, utilizing several grant sources to accomplish capital and program needs. Karen was very instrumental in raising the capital for a 21-unit apartment complex as well as raising funds for support services. Karen played a vital role in raising the dollars for the development of a 41-unit facility for individuals with co-occurring disorders as well as funds for program cost.

She possesses an excellent character. Over the years, I have worked with several consultants for the purposes of raising funds for special needs housing projects. The years that I worked with Karen were by far the most successful as well as the ones with greatest ease. She offered extremely wise advise when developing program budgets as well as grant writing. As a result, every grant that Karen wrote for Renaissance Manor in 2002 was awarded. The funding agencies were complementary of her work.

Karen also opened many doors for Renaissance Manor. She introduced me to key individuals in local governments and foundations, which in turn has made us very successful in raising additional dollars for future projects and has built long-standing relationships. If it were not for Karen, this probably would not have happened. Individuals in County government and foundations were all enthused to hear that Karen was the one writing the grants, which lead to our success. Karen not only raised funds, which in turn are help many people in need, she helped Renaissance Manor build relationships, which has helped ensure our survival. Karen would be a phenomenal teacher/mentor for anyone in the grant writing business. Not only can she teach people to write grants and create budgets, she can mentor people on how to be a community partner.

Sincerely,



Scott Eller  
Executive Director