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To Whom It May Concern:

Mrs. Lisa Lai Kwan Kirkpatrick has been a highly motivated volunteer in Mililani Waena's special education preschool, a challenging classroom comprised of eight children with pervasive developmental disorder, oppositional defiant disorder, fetal alcohol syndrome, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, CHARGE Association, and Down Syndrome. She has faithfully contributed three hours of her precious time every week for the 2002 second semester. It is very important to note that very few adults have the demonstrated her willingness to volunteer in a special education setting for longer than a month.

Miss Lisa has a vivacious demeanor and quickly established caring relationships with the preschoolers. She is a quick learner who readily internalizes research-based behavioral management strategies which enable her to redirect noncompliant youngsters and defuse histrionics. To add to that, Mrs. Kirkpatrick actually requests to have the opportunity to instruct our lower functioning visually impaired charges with their self-care toileting skills.

I am honored to write this letter of praise and recommendation for Mrs. Lisa Lai Kwan Kirkpatrick. It was an auspicious day when she chose to be our preschool volunteer.

Sincerely yours,

Jayne A. Asakura, Chairperson
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