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Dear Hiring Manager:

It is my pleasure to strongly recommend Ellie Gamache for a position with your organization. Ellie was employed as a Fundraising & Events Coordinator at Special Olympics Massachusetts from November 2018 to April 2020. During her employment, Ellie worked in the Development department on revenue projects to benefit the organization. Her responsibilities included management and execution of fundraising events, stewardship and development of revenue partners, oversight of technical programs such as DonorDrive and ArcGIS, and more. I have nearly ten years of experience working in non-profit fundraising and development and have seen many young professionals come and go. Ellie Gamache is one individual I have worked with who uniquely stands out.

During our time together, Ellie displayed great talents in relationship and event management. She enjoys working hard and taking it upon herself to be out in the community, meeting people, developing volunteer committees to work toward goals, etc. Her positive demeanor and ability to relate to people in and out of the organization's network is what makes her such a valued member of any team. When she started with Special Olympics, she was immediately assigned the role of staff lead on a number of fundraising events (truck pulls, polar plunges, etc.) where she was relied upon to be a decision-maker, task delegator, and more. She thrived under the pressure and those events surpassed their fundraising and participation goals because of the effort she put forth in pre-event logistics, team recruitment, etc.

It was a sad day when Ellie told me she would be leaving the organization, because I knew the impact that she had made on her colleagues, volunteers, and Special Olympics athletes who got to know her over her time with the organization. She'll bring an eagerness to meet project deadlines, a can-do attitude, and a mission-driven focus to your team.

If you need more information about Ellie's time at Special Olympics Massachusetts, please do not hesitate to contact me at Stephanie.Esposito@SpecialOlympicsMA.org or by phone, 203-623-7997. As a recommendation letter only provides a snapshot of her talents and achievements, I would be happy to further elaborate on my time working with Ellie.

Thank you,

Stephanie Esposito
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