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RE: "Letter of Recommendation for Christopher Odom"

To Whom It May Concern:

I am in the tenth year of my presidency at WLCAC. Having been around the organization since I was a child of 12 years (when my father founded it) I've seen every manner of people come and go....some not so good, but for the most part, folks that have worked at WLCAC have been overwhelmingly good. Chris Odom is a person that belongs to that latter half.

I came to know Chris when he was a Master's Student in UCLA's Film School. He was first introduced as a volunteer to help organize WLCAC's project to provide youth with training in videography. After graduating, Chris was invited to join the WLCAC family of employees when we were looking for someone to direct a funded program titled Tell-It Theater©. Chris' success with the project contributed to eight subsequent years of renewals for the project. Remarkably, the project was so well organized that when Chris moved on from WLCAC, the transition to the next generation of leadership was seamless.

The qualifications that Chris brought to WLCAC included his formal training from UCLA but perhaps more importantly, his fearlessness when it came to tackling a problem. Whether the problem of a hungry child suffering abject poverty, or a shortage of dollars needed to solve a problem, Chris always seemed to find a way to make it better than it was when he found it. His skill at developing budgets and management systems for the project still serves us to this day.

For all of the reasons stated above, I believe that Chris Odom would make a great candidate for the position offered and would gladly respond to any request for more information or clarification. I can be reached at 323.357.0819.

Sincerely,

Timothy Watkins
President and Chief Executive Officer

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