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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: "For The Children" Organization

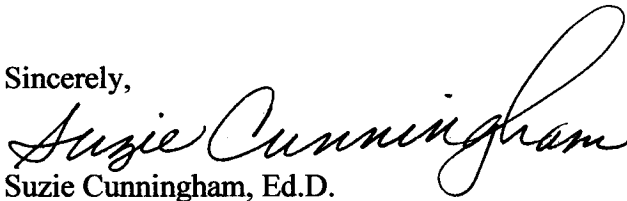
I am writing this letter with pleasure and thankfulness in support of the "For the Children Organization" on behalf of the students, staff and administrators at Hermelinda Rodriguez Elementary, Austin Independent School District, Austin, Texas.

We have participated in the organization's school supply distribution for the past five years. Our school's enrollment is over 700 students in grades prekindergarten to fifth grade, with 93% of the students coming from low socioeconomic homes, which qualifies them for the free lunch program. Our students come from homes where parents are struggling to meet the basic needs of their families, such as food and shelter. It is becoming apparent that in just these short five years that our school has been in existence, we are making great strides in developing a school/community partnership where parents are beginning to learn the value of education for the future of their children's livelihood. Without the support of the school supplies from the "For the Children Organization", our teachers would be left with the burden of supplying the necessary paper and pencil needs of our students, due to the limited budget our school operates on each year.

The "For The Children" organization, which has been in existence in the AISD for the past sixteen years, also supported my previous school. I am well aware that all monies that are donated for the program are spent on student supplies. I am proud to see that former teachers and administrators run the program. I am sure this is due to the fact that they know the struggles that our low socioeconomic students and schools have in supplying the necessary tools for education.

"For The Children" has my full support and praise for their dedication and hard work in caring for our student needs that are so essential. I am available for further discussion at my school at any time.

Sincerely,



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