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Through our Youth**

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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in reference to the character of Darlene Brothers. I would have liked to be present in court today to testify personally in Ms. Brothers' behalf but I have a prior obligation that makes it impossible for me to attend.

I have known Ms. Brothers since 1996 when she walked into the PYCC and offered to work as a volunteer for the Paia Youth & Cultural Center (PYCC) assisting us with all of our information technologies. In 1997, we were honored to be able to hire Ms. Brothers on a TN Visa. At this time there were few (if any) individuals that were as knowledgeable about computers both in hardware and software as Ms. Brothers. She worked for us as a consultant for all of our computer needs and assisted in writing the initial grant that funded all of the equipment necessary to birth the Hekili Multimedia Lab. This lab is still in existence to this day and retains the reputation of being one of the best multimedia labs on Maui servicing hundreds of youth annually. Ms. Brothers also trained several older youth members in various aspects of computer technology.

Ms. Brothers remained a valuable volunteer to the PYCC after her paid contract was finished. Indeed, numerous were the occasions during the last 14 years that Ms. Brothers has rescued the PYCC from one computer challenge after another. In January 2010 the PYCC once again hired Ms. Brothers to be our Information Technology Specialist. In my opinion, there is no one better. Ms. Brothers always goes the extra mile for the PYCC and continues to donate huge amounts of her time beyond what she is paid for. In March she spent countless hours redoing the whole PYCC computer network including running new cables throughout the attic. Just 2 weeks ago she once again came to the rescue on a late night 10:00 call when my personal lap top failed and I desperately needed it for the following morning.

Ms. Brothers has served as an excellent role model for many generations of PYCC members. She always comes in with a smile and great contagious enthusiasm. She is known by the youth as the lady who runs and works all night.

I will personally attest that the allegations that Ms. Brothers is a drug user/dealer are ridiculous and slanderous. Ms. Brothers is known in the community to not do drugs; she does not even drink alcohol.

Thank you for your consideration. If you would like to speak to me further about Ms. Brothers you may reach me at [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

Susun White
Executive Director