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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to recommend Susie Vanderlip and her Legacy of Hope Program to any junior high through college students. She put on her presentation for our student athletes at Cal State Northridge this spring and “wowed” all of us.

Our student-athletes and I were both equally impressed with her ability to touch on a number of relevant issues in a manner that all of us could relate to. Her use of characters brought to life the issues that affect all of us. The student-athletes were drawn into Susie’s program and were eager to interact with her when she talked about the characters she portrayed. With Susie’s openness and honesty about the people she has had and does have in her life, our student-athletes were comfortable sharing many parts of their personal lives as well. It is a rarity to have college age students feel that comfortable that they can discuss their private lives with a “complete stranger”, but Susie’s personality puts you right at ease and you feel like you have known each other for years.

Susie’s keys to overcoming adversity was icing on the cake for the program. Her tips were a fitting conclusion that gave everyone ways to help themselves and those around them. To a person, our student-athletes said that Legacy of Hope was the best program that they had ever been to that touched on social issues.

In conclusion, Susie Vanderlip’s Legacy of Hope Program is not your typical drug awareness presentation. She educates, gets the students to think about their lives and inspires students so that they can help better their lives and those around them. Without reservation I would recommend Susie Vanderlip and Legacy of Hope to any group from junior high students to college students.

Sincerely,

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