

# *Port Orange Counseling Center*

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To Whom it May concern:

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Straight Up SolGier- a blessing when there is no where to turn.

Summer of 2015 was difficult for a client of mine. Her court date finalized, putting her abuser in jail for too few of years, it was then she realized she no longer qualified for services provided by the state. She was told it was too late to receive the services she desperately needed. Her entire childhood was victimized, repeatedly, by one man - a man that haunted her until Straight Up SolGier offered to be her savior.

Today, that scared child has grown to be the adult woman she was meant to be. We have set backs, we have hiccups but wow do we have growth. This growth is solely because of the efforts of Victoria McGuirk, President of the Straight Up SolGier Foundation, Inc. Straight Up SolGier has provided for weekly and bi-weekly services for this client; a client whom could not have afforded services on her own.

I am eternally grateful for the services provided by the foundation; it is through them that I am able to provide services to clients in need. We, in Volusia county, are a limited few that provide services specifically for the underserved population of sexually abused persons. My training as a Licensed Mental Health Counselor, with specific focus on trauma recovery allows for the opportunity to serve these clients. Unfortunately, there are too few of us, and too few opportunities for financial assistance for these clients. Straight Up Solgier fills that gap - thank you for considering them for this grant. We are in desperate need to grow our community into stronger, more effective survivors. You are part of that change that we are striving towards.

Sincerely,

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