



## EDGEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT

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February 16, 2016

**Straight Up Solgier Foundation, Inc.**

**Victoria McGuirk, President**

**954 Bramblebush Circle West**

**Port Orange, FL 32127**

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT

Please accept this letter to offer our support for the Straight Up SolGier Foundation, Inc. to receive funding from the VOCA grant.

The Straight Up SolGier Foundation provides an invaluable service to victims of sexual assault in our community. Without Straight Up SolGier, many victims would be unable to afford the counseling services they desperately need to heal from such a horrendous trauma to the human spirit. As the victim advocate for Edgewater Police Department, I have worked closely with the Straight Up SolGier Foundation to provide resources to victims of sexual assault. The SolGier Foundation opens the door to help victims whose sense of trust and safety has been shattered, find counselors who will be supportive and effective in helping them reclaim their lives. This has especially been the case with a victim I referred to the SolGier Foundation. After struggling for years with severe PTSD from childhood sexual abuse, he had lost hope in finding a counselor he could afford, that would be willing to help him navigate through what will still be a long journey in healing. I am happy to say that in the last seven months, he has conquered obstacles that he feared he would never overcome and is successfully working through the trauma he faced as a child. Thanks to the Straight Up SolGier Foundation, he will be able to receive counseling for as long as he needs it. I fully support the Straight Up SolGier Foundation, Inc. and immensely appreciate the valuable assistance they provide to victims of sexual assault in the Edgewater community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emilee Cope".

Emilee Cope

Victim Advocate

Edgewater Police Department

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