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Straight Up SolGier Foundation, Inc.
Victoria McGuirk, President
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RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT

I would like this letter to serve as a letter of recommendation for Straight Up SolGier Foundation Inc. to receive funding from the VOCA Grant.

They have been an active member of the Victims Services Coalition of the 7th Circuit which serves, Volusia, Flagler, Putnam & St. Augustine counties since they first opened their program in 2012. Last year in Volusia County our main provider of children's sexual abuse cases was the Children's Advocacy Center of Volusia and Flagler counties. They were forced to close because of misappropriation of funds. Then Volusia and Flagler Counties had NO Rape Crisis Center for months. Volusia County was truly in crisis mode and many victims of sexual abuse were neglected or had to go to another county. We also had more media coverage of teachers and other pedophiles in the news than ever before. I am aware that the SolGier Foundation was getting more referrals than ever and that they only handle children and adults that were sexually abused. (The SolGier Application states that there must be some kind of documentation of sexual abuse by a police report, court documentation or counselors report.) I was told by Victoria McGuirk, President of Straight Up SolGier Foundation that their client list increased by 44% last year due to the increase of cases and the lack of availability for counseling through the agency that closed. We appreciate their hard work and dedicated staff. They have our full support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Evelyn Rebostini".

Evelyn Rebostini
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