



To whom it may concern:

I am writing on behalf of Peace4Kids, a non-profit organization that provides foster children and youth in need of a sense of belonging, with a safe, nurturing environment where they are given the guidance to learn cooperation, conflict resolution, self esteem and life skills. Through creative educational courses, athletic programs, camping experiences and mentorship, the goal is to assist the youth in developing the knowledge and skills needed to become successful and self-sufficient adults.

Manhood Camp, taught by Mark Winkler and Travon Tillis, without a doubt provides this for the boys in our program. They display excellent leadership abilities when working with our at risk youth and are great role models for our 13-15 year old young men in our Leadership, Manhood & Nobility (LMN) class.

Since September 2012, I have had the opportunity to interact with Mark and Travon on a weekly basis as the Program Manager of Peace4Kids. They are extremely capable of working with our youth and are often found encouraging them to be the best they can be. The boys do not have many men to teach them how to navigate life and transition from boys to men; the Manhood Camp steps in to do just that.

Through the Manhood Camp program, the LMN boys have had classes on healthy relationships, gang prevention, anger management, and cooking 101. They have also worked on self-confidence building activities, gained job hunting skills and learned college preparation strategies. Peace4Kids is happy to have Mark, Travon and the Manhood Camp program as a part of our Saturday Core Program.

I'll be happy to answer any questions regarding Manhood Camp's contributions to our program and youth. I can be reached at (323) 537-2034.

Sincerely,

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