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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Ashley Wojcik. I had the pleasure of teaching Ashley in the Fall of 2020 and again in the Spring of 2022.

Ashley was a student in my English III-Honors class and AP English Language and Composition class. These classes have a high concentration on analytical and writing skills, and during the course of the semester, students either rise to the occasion or fall under the stress. Ashley was a student who constantly rose to meet the challenges of each assignment. She would work diligently to plan, revise, and reflect as needed. Often times, students are afraid to ask for feedback during the writing process, but that was not the case with Ashley. She does not shy away from constructive criticism because she knows the payoff outweighs any feelings of discomfort. Ashley does all she can to make sure that her final products are the best reflection of her abilities.

Ashley's dedication extends beyond her schoolwork. She is a member of the National Honor Society, plays on our school's varsity soccer team, and participates in various activities at her church. Though, to the outsider, it appears that she balances everything with ease, Ashley's time management is impeccable to ensure that her schoolwork and commitments are completed and fulfilled. She never asks for additional time. She never misses a deadline. She completes everything to demonstrate her best effort.

Ashley is one of those students whom I will always remember. She is extremely goal oriented and meets those goals in an impressive way. But Ashley is also bright, intelligent, has a strong moral compass, and I do not think she has ever met a stranger. There is no doubt in my mind that she will be successful in her endeavors. It has been my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation on her behalf.

Sincerely,

Stefanie Fowler, EdD
Airport High School

Dear Scholarship Committee,

My name is Dina Lusk, and I am writing this recommendation on behalf of Miss Ashley Wojcik for the Carol B. Clark Scholarship. It is my honor to write a recommendation for such an amazing young woman like Ashley.

I have gotten to know Ashley from being her teacher and mentor at church for the last 10 years. I have been a part of so many moments in Ashley's life and watched her grow into the beautiful Godly woman she is today. As a mentor, I thought I would be the inspiring one in our relationship, but God has shown me more through Ashley than I feel I have shown her.

Ashley is the most caring, understanding, and compassionate young lady I have truly ever met. She does not allow a situation or circumstance stop her from pursuing her goals and she does it all with a smile.

She carries herself with grace and continuously encourages those around her. Watching her interact with her peers has been inspiring. Her peers listen to her and respect her because who she is on the inside shines through to the outside.

In John 13:34 it says, "as I have loved you, so you must love one another." Ashley embodies this scripture as one who loves with a humble heart. As a student leader in our church, Ashley has developed in her knowledge of the Word and understanding of the ones she has been chosen to love and lead. She never stops working and serving. She is a member of the Ebenezer Drama team, a participant in Teen Talent through the IPHC, a Bible quest participant, involved in vocal ensembles, and small groups within the youth group. She is a hard worker not only in academics but also in her relationship with Jesus.

I know this scholarship goes to the person most deserving of it and that is why I recommend Ashley Wojcik. Ashley demonstrates all of the things needed to be a Carol B. Clark Scholarship recipient and does it with excellence. If you have any other questions about this awesome young woman, I would be happy to provide more information about my recommendation. Feel free to call me at (803) 673-4345 with any questions.

Blessings, Dina H. Lusk

Carol B. Clark Scholarship
Ashley Wojcik
April 5th, 2022

The Family Library

Life is so busy nowadays, making prioritizing family time harder than ever before. This problem can be solved with the help of libraries. There is no doubt that South Congaree has several programs to reach the community in many different age categories, but what about connecting each age group together? If the Library could bring not just age groups, but entire families together too, the impact on the community would be astonishing.

This program is a family-fun event that occurs once a month. It welcomes all ages, ensuring that each family member can attend. The idea is to have everyone involved, not just to grow as individuals, friends, or families, but as a community - to intertwine all the generations that make up the town. During this program, participants will read a book together, one that appeals to both the younger audience and the older one, such as the book, "Mixed" by Arree Chung. In this example, the picture book is simple enough for kids to not only understand, but enjoy, as well as complex enough to inflict critical thinking skills among older folks as it talks about the serious subject of diversity. Families would sit together to read the book, creating family time, enhancing family bonding, and allowing for deep discussions to be made. As families read, to ensure no group finishes early and is left waiting for others, volunteers working this event will walk around, finding any family that has finished and offer some discussion questions to keep the family engaged until everyone has finished reading. Through these conversations, not only do family members grow together, but the youth volunteers at the library also learn more about their community. Once families have finished reading, staff members can bring everyone back together and share some key points of different families' conversations. After this, the volunteers will demonstrate an activity, game, or craft that goes along with the book for families to do together. Using this example, an activity that can be done is replicating the colorful characters shown in the book to create a visual representation of diversity among each family and the room as a whole. This can be done using playdough and other materials, making the book come to life, while creating core memories for the community as the Library has done for me and my family. The room will be filled with laughter as the community comes together and families grow closer.

The first step in order to reach community growth; however, is to spread the word so people know to come. This will be done on several media platforms, but the best way to spread this news is by passing out flyers to schools to give to their students' families. In doing so, not only will a wide variety of the community be reached easily, but the kids will be excited at the event and encourage their family members to come. This kind of family engagement with the local library will spark growth within the community.