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To whom it may concern,

Many years ago, IAHD, an organization which supports children and adults with developmental disabilities, had the good fortune of meeting the founder of EduMusic. Since that time, numerous individuals supported at IAHD have benefitted from the music, the rhythms and the melodies that are part of the program that EduMusic presents on a weekly basis at IAHD.

The founder of the program, Ms. Vilma Yel, is passionate about her music, as well as her mission. She understands that people with language and learning challenges are able to respond to music, and she uses simple and repetitive rhythms to assist them to remember, to participate and to learn. Her music is colorful and energetic and spans a variety of cultural influences. Most of all, it has helped improve the listening, memory, language and musical skills in those who participate in the program.

Ms. Yel is dedicated to using music to help people attend, focus, interact with each other and to improve their self-image. As a strong supporter of IAHD, she has gone a step beyond providing a music program by helping an adult who is enrolled in our program to become a musical apprentice to one of Ms. Yel's music instructors. Under Ms. Yel's tutelage, this individual has grown in his confidence, self-image and abilities. He is now considered to be a valued member of the EduMusic instructional program. Truly, not only is Ms. Yel an accomplished musician, but she understands how her music program can provide many, many positive benefits, and her willingness to accommodate people make her a true humanitarian.

IAHD continually strives to find programs that would enrich the lives of the people with developmental disabilities whom we support. Even though many of the individuals in the IAHD program face significant challenges, EduMusic has managed to construct a curriculum of musical learning that is both beneficial and enjoyable. We applaud their work and their mission, and we thank them for their commitment to the people whom we support.

Respectfully submitted,

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