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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a retired administrator from the Creighton School District. In addition, I have taught education courses at Arizona State University, Glendale and South Mountain Community Colleges. Currently I volunteer in an after school program of moral education for children and youth at Creighton School and Washington Park Activity Center. Recently we have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Jens Larson.



Mr. Larson is a retired teacher as well as an experienced acrobat. He does a wonderful job of planning lessons that are age appropriate and inclusive. The children learn to follow instructions, focus and improve hand/eye

coordination. In addition, Mr. Larson teaches the children "circus vocabulary," team work, and cooperation. Our children have benefited by his instruction, and look forward to each session.

He does a beautiful job of breaking down complex tasks (such as juggling) so that children are challenged, yet successful as well. He is kind, patient and positive with the students, and joyful in their success! Mr. Larson is punctual, professional, and conscientious. I highly recommend him as a wonderful addition to any program that seeks to serve the whole child. There is so much research on the relationship between physical activity, physical coordination, and academic achievement. We feel that his inclusion with our students help us achieve our goal of "a healthy mind, body and spirit."



Sincerely,

Marilyn Sánchez