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M. Margaret Evans, Judge *Lou Ellen Werry, Clerk*

February 23, 2015

Re: Support for Field of Hope for the Community Connectors Grant

To Whom it May Concern:

Please accept this as my support for and commitment to work with the Field of Hope (FOH) and its partners to implement the youth mentoring plan. The FOH group is well run and trustworthy. In my court, and drug court, we accept for accountability their "Strong Tower" recovery group meetings.

I have observed the FOH organization accomplish many things and am sure they will be successful with this program.

Although it is a faith-based organization, the FOH was able to secure Federal Brownfield grants to clean up its campus and restore it to a useable property. The FOH has been successful in obtaining the support of major monetary donations to rehab an old high school facility for future use as a community center/rehabilitation center. While that project is still being pursued, major advances have been made.

The FOH leadership and the partners identified for this project bring competency, professionalism and deep commitment to saving the communities. All of the partners are already actively involved in service to our communities. The award of the grant will allow them to specifically target our youth in their outreach.

This project will be successful and the Governor and the Department of Education could not award this grant to a more deserving collaboration.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Margaret Evans

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Judge
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