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Regional Access Project Foundation  
41-550 Eclectic St.  
Palm Desert, CA 92211

Dear Sir or Madam:

It goes without saying there are many deserving charities in the Coachella Valley. And it is without hesitation that I submit a Letter of Recommendation to the RAP Foundation for support of the Behavioral Health Program through Loma Linda University Children's Hospital.

This letter is of a personal nature. We are a family not immune to mental health issues. Our family is fortunate that we can reach out to mental health providers in our time of need. However, our society has such a long way to go to accept, embrace, care and treat those in need of mental health care. And to do away with the stigmas.

After spending eight years as a part time resident of the Coachella Valley, I made the commitment to become a full-time resident and in doing so, became more engaged with the community. Now, an owner of a working 28 acre ranch and date farm in Coachella, I am exposed daily to the challenges families face including but not limited to health care, housing, work, quality education and exploitation to name a few.

Seeing this need, it has been my privilege to be associated with Loma Linda for the past six years by bringing outstanding pediatric health care to the Valley. And it warms my heart knowing that in just over two years since opening, there are 3,000 pediatric patients that call the Indio Clinic home for their medical care which includes offering general pediatrics, dentistry and sub-specialty care. And now, as is Loma Linda's design, services at the clinic now include family care because Loma Linda saw the parents needed care as well. And the services provided are top shelf and delivered with the utmost respect and dignity to the patient. This is something many of their population has not been privy to.

Loma Linda has been able to reach a population that is many times marginalized and in doing so is gaining trust in the community. That will allow a Behavioral Health Program, which is so desperately needed, succeed. And it will be a quality program which is imperative. Helping children address anxiety, depression, navigation of circumstances that may not change is our only hope to change the future for all of us. If we can help that child, he or she will grow up to be a better person and will pay it forward for future generations.

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Please know the community divide is even greater for those with less education, financial resources and then there is the cultural barrier. I made a decision at a very young age that when I grew up I would help children because of my own childhood circumstance. Many times there wasn't the help I needed available. That is changing and we can do more.

Normally these letters of recommendation are brief, but there is so much to say on this topic. In closing, I have committed a portion of my family's charitable resources to Loma Linda Children's Hospital for the benefit of the Coachella Valley. I would encourage your committee to do the same.

Thank you for your consideration of this worthwhile organization.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jill D. Golden".

Jill D. Golden  
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