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To Whom it May Concern,

Mary Harwood has been part of the Camp Michigania family since she was a 13 year old camper in 2004, and I've had the privilege of getting to know Mary and work with her beginning in the summer of 2011. Mary has become a mature young woman, was a leader within our staff of over 100, and would be an ideal candidate for your program.

Mary's years as a staff member at Camp Michigania gave her the opportunity to engage with kids and adults, in a variety of program areas. She exhibited, and continued to enhance, her strong communication and problem solving skills, showing an innate ability to connect with all campers, but especially withdrawn and quiet kids. Her work at camp culminated in 2013 when she ran our fitness program, tailoring classes for children as young as three and adults as old as 83, making sure everyone felt safe and comfortable exercising at their own level.

Mary's experiences at Michigania have brought out her compassion and passion for working with kids and families, including working with many families that utilize the family life program at Mott, as a number of these families attend camp during our final week of the summer. Her skills are a perfect fit for your Child Life Practicum, and she already has many of the skills necessary to assist patients and families cope during their hospital experience, through her Michigania work, and her educational background in Early Childhood development and Elementary Education, along with her role as a day camp director.

Mary was a great influence on everyone around her, and when asked about her attitude, the word "uplifting" comes to mind. Mary not only doesn't let others bring her down, she brings those working with her to her level of positivity and enthusiasm. She approached all of her work, whether a hip-hop dance class with young girls captivated by her energy and enthusiasm, or sweeping and mopping the studio at the end of the day, always knowing she had given it her all. She also took advantage and was always willing to learn from her peers and supervisors, soaking up knowledge to become better in all that she does.

I am happy to extend Mary my highest recommendation. She possesses many qualities that will make her a wonderful addition to your staff and community, engaging families from child to grandparent, and continually learning from her peers and mentors. If you have additional questions, please contact me at 231 683-1745, or mwasser@umich.edu.

Sincerely,

Mitch Rosenwasser
Director, Camp Michigania