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Mutt Matchers & Friends!!
1001 Buchanan Street
Kingman, AZ 86401

To whom it may concern:

This letter is long overdue, and I must apologize for that. I have been meaning to let everyone at Mutt Matchers know how much I appreciate the lessons you gave my daughter, Sherese.

When it was too difficult for her to find a job several years ago, I told her to volunteer! And I marched her down to MMF where she was greeted and welcomed by Judy. She was given a schedule and became part of the crew. She was expected to show up and do her job. And for that she was shortly promoted to helping train new volunteers.

Although she didn't receive a paycheck, she gained valuable job skills like responsibility, taking pride in her performance, working well with others, and even a little bit of supervisory experience.

But more than that, she deeply cared for and was protective of her charges. She knew every dog by name and would tell me, in detail, about the personalities of each animal: what they liked to do on walks, their eating habits, how they would greet her, how much she loved each one. She became attached to them and also to the people she worked with. In that way, I was able to see my daughter develop a more mature attitude about her place in the world.

Many years ago, Hillary Clinton said, ". . . it takes a village to raise a child." Mutt Matchers and Friends was that village to our daughter. For that I am deeply grateful and so very heartfelt in my best wishes for a most wonderful community organization. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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