

October 19, 2016

To Whom It May Concern,

This is a letter of personal character recommendation for Mrs. Sandy Lee. I have known Sandy since approximately 2002 when I lived in California for part of a year for my job at IBM. I met Sandy because I knew her dad and stepmother who ran a Bed and Breakfast in the Midwest; they gave me her contact information when I moved so I would know someone. Sandy and I "hit it off" immediately, attending church together as well as socializing. After I moved back to Minnesota, we kept in touch and I later came back to serve as a bridesmaid in her wedding as well as another time to take a vacation together. I would describe her as a very nice, sweet, yet strong woman.

When Sandy told me that she needed a recommendation in order to volunteer at Caleb's school, I agreed immediately to provide one. I feel that this opportunity is a perfect fit for her now that Caleb is in school and she doesn't have him at home to care for, play with, and teach. In the school, Sandy will be able to interact with many children, one of her favorite things to do, and expand her circle of care and teaching. She also can "give back" as a volunteer in her community, which I know is important to her. I have no doubt the children will enjoy having Sandy help out at their school. I also have no doubt she will be reliable and pose no issues for the teachers she helps.

Sandy loves children. She always expressed to me her desire that she have children. Once she was married, it took some time for Caleb to come along, and he was welcomed with more than the usual joy because of that. Sandy is a Christian woman who has been a stay at home mom to Caleb, as well as taking care of older step children who have often been a challenge for her. These challenges are through no fault of hers, but issues related to their biological parents and the challenges of a blended family. She loves them unconditionally anyway, through "thick and thin", a feat I admire. Caleb is well loved and taken care of and Sandy is what I would call a "natural" mother, having wanted to be one for a long time and having great joy in the growth and accomplishments of her son, and the immense patience mothers of toddlers need. In addition, Sandy cares for her mother, who lives with the family and is disabled. I feel this is important to mention because it shows again her caring, patient nature and her inner strength.

I am currently an Assistant Professor at Indiana University-Purdue University in Columbus, Indiana. I hope my own credentials as a teacher and educator as well as being Sandy's friend lend weight to this recommendation and that you definitely consider Sandy Lee as a good candidate for a school volunteer.

Sincerely,

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