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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to express support for the work that Janie O'Keefe's group is doing to support individuals with disabilities and their families living on the Gulf Coast. Janie has been involved in many activities that enhance the lives of families and her work is valuable to those who are suddenly thrust into the challenges a disability can create.

Recently, Janie worked with an advisory committee at Lynn Meadows Discovery Center to create a month-long emphasis on children and individuals with disabilities. The emphasis focused on highlighting the *abilities* of individuals with disabilities, and it was well received by the media and public alike. The emphasis allowed the community at large to grow in their awareness and support of a segment of our population that is often times ignored.

Any assistance that can be given to the Resource Center and Director would be money well spent. I have no hesitation in recommending this work to you.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Minton Executive Director