

# MAUI YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES, INC.

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Dear Mr. McCafferty,

We would like to commend Teens on Call's paid work experience adolescent training program. Over the past four months we have each referred youth to your work experience program. Each adolescent has benefited considerably from their work experiences. The most remarkable observable benefit has been enhanced self esteem. By experiencing work success and being compensated with cash, they're developing self-confidence and competency, the precious sense of personal worth and dignity.

Additionally, youth have benefited from: 1- work skill development, 2- improved attitude toward work and a capacity to perform assigned tasks, 3- mental health rehabilitation, and 4- a sense of belonging via team-effort and accomplishment. The adult/adolescent comradary and sharing provides a bond that, in some cases simply but tragically is not available within the youth's homes.

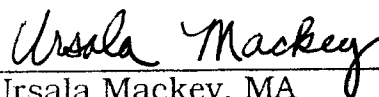
As mental health professionals for youth on Maui, we hope to see Teens on Call and your developing Alternative Learning Center (ATC) receive necessary funding to advance these programs. We have examined ATC's future hands-on learning structure in Paia, and recognize its suitability as an academic setting for youth.

Feel welcome to give our names and phone numbers to any organization and/or individual who may be considering financial contributions to your programs. We would welcome the opportunity to speak with funding source people personally. You are offering a vital service to youth in our community and you have our complete support for continued success.

Appreciatively and respectfully yours,



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