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To Whom It May Concern;

For the past three years, I have proudly been the main Surrey contact for PCRS.

During this partnership, PCRS has arranged for a number of youth and their families to experience a variety of events that they would not otherwise be able to. These include; music concerts, hockey games, art and music festivals and a variety of sporting events. Given the financial situation that many of our participants are in, attending an event for pleasure does not fit into their budgets but offers valuable cultural experiences.

These events are something the youth look forward to, we have used them as incentives and when our workers attend one of these events with a youth it creates an opportunity to enhance their relationship by connecting on a different level, at a neutral location and having a shared experience.

Just recently, we were the lucky winners of two tickets to a large, music concert event. The tickets were awarded to one of our most vulnerable, high risk youth. With the challenges she faces, she has been apprehensive to spend any significant amount of time with her worker. Through the generosity of Kids Up Front, the worker and youth were able to spend the evening together. This provided huge benefits to their relationship and working together.

For so many of our youth and families, pro-social events play a key role in providing them an opportunity to escape their daily struggles and challenges. It provides a glimpse into what types of activities exist, and most importantly when attending the event they get to be just like everyone else and not worry about all the issues that they face at home or in the community.

Our budgets and contracts do not allow for us to purchase tickets to such events so we are grateful to Kids Up Front in creating these opportunities for youth.

We hope to continue our partnership with Kids Up Front for many years to come.

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