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To whom it may concern

I have known Kerryn Redpath for over two years. I first met her through a friend, who arranged for Kerryn to meet with one of my relatives who was dealing with an addiction. We had tried to get some help for this family member without much success. After Kerryn met with him, he decided to go to rehab. As a result, he is doing remarkably well today.

Kerryn has a passion for people. Whenever I have spent time with her I have seen qualities such as non-judgmental acceptance of all people, kindness, genuineness, and an amazing ability to connect with people from all different walks of life.

As part of my studies as a counsellor, I went to one of Kerryn's school presentations in 2014. She spoke to a group of secondary school students. She has a natural ability to connect with the students and not only educate them on the dangers of experimenting with drugs and alcohol' but she threads her own personal story of her past addiction into the presentation. I watched students listen to her presentation and could see on their faces the profound impact of her words. It is one thing for young people to be educated on the dangers of drugs and alcohol, but when it's coming from somebody who has personally struggled with addiction and lived to tell about it, students want to listen.

Kerryn's message is powerful. She has helped many people through her story and she is doing an amazing work in helping towards winning the war on drugs. I highly recommend Kerryn as a speaker. Her presentation is invaluable. Schools, Community Organisations, even churches - all of us in the community would benefit from hearing one of Kerryn's presentations which will help spread the message that drugs destroy lives.

Sincerely,

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