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Dear Mr. Neil,

There have been very few times I've felt the need or, even, the want to write a letter to an employer about an employee. As the parent of a very troubled child, I've only needed to write letters of complaint, but now I can write a letter of thanks.

This past winter there was a article in the Hartford Courant about an acting class, the teacher was Michael Lamb. As I read this article I thought he sounded prefect for my daughter, but the paper said his classes were full and I was sure he was too good to be true. Five months later and into our third class, I know every word was true.

My child has been unable to handle any school setting, even with one on one, school has given her a very low self esteem and made her feel she was a failure. Michael has helped her to be proud of herself, he's made her feel she is able to do things like other children and after each class she can't wait until the next class.

Michael has not only helped my child in these classes, but taken a group of very active, sometimes out-spoken, children and has taught them to work together and even respect each other, their opinions, and their feelings.

To watch Michael work with a group of children is amazing, he looks for the good in each child, finds it, and works with it. You are so lucky to have such a wonderful person to represent the YMCA and to teach our young children respect, commitment and also just how to have fun.

I hope you continue these wonderful programs and keep adding to the Creative Arts Program. Also, I hope Michael will stay to help many more children, for it only takes one person to make a change in an other's life, Michael is one of those rare people.

Sincerely,
Jean Harden