



February 26, 2015



Mr. David Hopkins
Columbia Area Career Center
4203 S. Providence
Columbia MO 65203

Dear David,

I am honored to write a letter of recognition to the Columbia Area Career Center SkillsUSA chapter. Their community service project "Cause an Effect" has been of great benefit to the residents of our program, LifeHouse Crisis Maternity Home.

Electronic waste is a growing environmental concern. Not only do electronics account for 70% of the toxic waste in landfills, it is the fastest growing solid waste category. At the same time, electronic recycling program rarely focus on putting reclaimed products in the hands of those that truly need them.

The Cause an Effect project does both. Students provide the community with an environmentally responsible way of disposing of unwanted electronics. By refurbishing donated equipment, students provide valuable computer resources to a variety of worthy causes.

The computers donated to LifeHouse have played a vital role in our program. LifeHouse residents are working toward self-sustainable employment, and computer skills are clearly a necessary job skill. Our ladies also use the computers to study for their GED or college classes, and to apply for jobs.

We are proud to support SkillsUSA, the Columbia Area Career Center and the Cause an Effect project. This student project has certainly "caused an effect" in our community, and made a difference in the lives of the pregnant homeless women and children we are serving.

Sincerely,


Maura Taylor
Executive Director