

March 22, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to demonstrate my support for Tampa native Renee Warmack, regarding the movies she is producing to showcase the life of Sam Piazza. Sam is an outstanding young man with Down syndrome who has succeeded in life, amid great odds.

Sam was crowned Homecoming King at Gaither High School in 2009, earned a black belt in karate, participated in the ROTC, was the Gaither basketball team manager, was involved in Special Olympics, is an avid weightlifter, and active in the Best Buddies program. He learned to ride horses through Hillsborough County's Bakas Equestrian Center.

Sam currently volunteers for many worthy causes and works at PDQ, a restaurant chain headquartered in Tampa.

Renee's goals are to premiere the documentary film "Because of Sam" in July, 2019, to coincide with the anniversary of the enactment of the American's with Disabilities Act, then produce a major feature, film shot in Tampa, that's based on Sam's life.

The movies will help change how the world views people with disabilities and inspire all people to tap into their potential to achieve their goals. Learn more here: BecauseofSamTheMovie.com

I met Renee in 2006 when she featured me in her documentary film, **Ten at the Top in Tampa Bay**, that celebrated female government leaders and promoted mentoring. It premiered on PBS, aired on government television and is used to inspire others to pursue their dreams. (View her background here: ReneeWarmackProductions.com)

Renee earned her Masters degree in Public Administration from the University of South Florida and worked in local government for 20 years. She now successfully advocates for the underdog through her inspirational movies, engaging events and coaching program.

She knows how to make movies, but also possesses the unique skills to promote a cause, create enthusiasm among stakeholders; and build community awareness and engagement.

I support Renee's efforts and will lend my contributions where and when possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 813-307-4000, if you need further information.

Sincerely,



Julie Holt