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To Whom It May Concern:

I want to openly support Renee Warmack in her efforts to produce a documentary on the life and times of Sam Piazza. Having served as the head of a mental health system for many years I understand the importance of inclusion and what individuals with extraordinary abilities can contribute to our lives and our communities.

Renee has a successful track record of film production which makes me confident that *Because of Sam* will become a reality and a benchmark for demonstrating the benefits of inclusion in our state. I am in hopes it will be adopted by the Department of Children and Families, Department of Mental Health, Job Readiness, the Department of Education and the Department Juvenile Justice to demonstrate not only the joy of inclusion but highlight every individuals ability to contribute to society, reduce incidents of bullying among our youth, and eliminate the stigma of being different.

I applaud Renee and Sam for their determination to bring this story forward for the greater good. *Because of Sam* is not only a beautiful story but one that can change lives and families forever.

Renee has produced high quality work for the Children's Board of Hillsborough County as well as the documentary film *Ten at the Top in Tampa Bay*, I am confident in her ability to make *Because of Sam* the finest example of inclusion, love, and acceptance in today's society.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Kelley Parris, MS
Executive Director
Children's Board of Hillsborough County

MISSION

The Children's Board invests in partnerships and quality programs to support the success of all children and families in Hillsborough County.