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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is a reference for Stacy, who has just completed a month of training at Southwest Aquatics in Winter Garden, Florida.

Our 14 month old son has been taking swimming lessons from Joy McGinty at Southwest Aquatics since he was 9 months old, and we became acquainted with Stacy as she trained with Joy during his most recent lessons. We attest that Joy is one of the best teachers we have ever had the pleasure of observing, and her aptitude for teaching children to swim translates well when training other instructors. We found Stacy to be an excellent student and showed much of the same talent as Joy. Furthermore, our son warmed up quickly to Stacy and we observed that she is gentle, patient, confident, and very kind with children.

As a parent and a pediatrician, I applaud Stacy's desire to learn the techniques to teach infants and children the life saving skill of water survival. Working in a children's hospital, it saddens me every time I encounter a drowning or near-drowning. I consider such unfortunate incidences to be preventable, especially when children are equipped with the skills taught at Southwest Aquatics, such as the swim-float-swim technique. The danger of drowning is universal and speaks all languages, and I am assured that Stacy will carry with her all that she learned for the benefit of Australian students.

Beyond the peace of mind that swimming lessons provide, we have also enjoyed watching our son's confidence and coordination grow as he has learned to control his little body in the water. Not only has he developed a love for water, but we have found that his swimming training enhanced even his developmental skills on land. He was quick to walk and shows a surprising confidence on his feet for his age. We believe that his swimming lessons have had a large influence on this success.

We feel fortunate to have encountered Stacy in her training, and we can wholeheartedly recommend her to any of her future students and families. She will no doubt be successful, and we wish her the best.

Sincerely,

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and Bethany Deines