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RE: Blue Peter Sea School support letter

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in support of the above service.

Our program provides housing and support to youth whom are homeless and vulnerable. We have offered the sea school service on various occasions to our young people as adventure based therapy, and continue to do so due to successes and requests from our clients.

Besides being a pleasurable experience we have found outcomes including skill, community and esteem development. Young people constantly comment on their adventures holding fond memories and offering hope and positivity in their lives, especially at low points. People have developed social skills, a sense of belonging and inclusion, feelings of being respected and building confidence due to facing fears and learning new skills.

I could not regard this service higher, and from feedback of our service users, neither could they. I have heard comments around the staff of Blue Peter being kind, friendly, patient, skilled and supportive. Young people saw them as mentors and positive role models, which is powerful considering the staff may be some of the few positive people they have had the opportunity to come in contact with. Some are going as far as exploring the option of obtaining their skipper licence.

This service provides an experience which is rare and unique and we hope to utilise it again as soon as possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if require any further assistance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D Morris', with a small mark above the 'i'.

Diana Morris

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Coordinator