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To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to provide my recommendation for Sharon Forrest. As Director of International Development for a global nonprofit, Sharon has significantly raised the bar on our fundraising efforts. While for many years, PFP has been in an “ad hoc” or “crisis” fundraising mode, worrying from month to month about expenses, Sharon has been very helpful in bringing PFP to a place where we are now strategically focused on long term development prospects.

Sharon has an extraordinary vision and her “out of the box” thinking can really force an organization to think beyond the norm. She has helped PFP realize that our own image was less than it should be, helping us to better define ourselves in the global marketplace.

She clearly understands the many facets of fundraising, from annual giving to sponsorships to event planning. But where Sharon really excels is in cultivating an extraordinary network of like-minded organizations to work together for the common good. Her passion, her enthusiasm and her commitment all combine in a most unique way to propel an organization into levels of excellence previously considered unattainable.

Sharon is driven, doggedly determined, and exudes contagious energy for what she believes in.

She has left PFP much better than she found it...a lasting legacy to her contributions. While her tenure here was short, her contributions were many.

Sincerely,

Brig Gen Ron Sconyers (USAF, Ret.)
Chief Executive Officer