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To whom it may concern:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for William (Bill) J. Perry. I have known Bill for a little over five years, and in that time I have seen tremendous growth and stability. Please allow me to elaborate on the passion that this individual has exuded.

Being the Activity Director for the National Youth Sports Program (NYSP), at Marquette University, I have supervised Bill over the past four summers. The NYSP is a grant funded program sponsored by the NCAA and the Federal Government, to provide economically disadvantaged children between the ages of 10 through 16 opportunities to earn and learn self respect through a comprehensive sports and educational instructional program. Bill has been involved with the program at two different levels, and has been with the program since its inception at Marquette.

The first summer with NYSP, Bill was hired to be a sports instructor. The sports instructor is a valuable position, since that individual needs to have the ability to reach all of the participants and all different skill and age levels. From day one he proved to be an asset not only to the program, but as a caring individual to the participants as well. After the first week with the program and the talent, energy, and caring shown, I knew at that point that he would have to become more involved with the program because of all he had to give. I felt that if I did not take advantage of his skills, I would be depriving the participants of an experience like no other that they have had in their lives. For the next three years, Bill would be part of our Auxiliary Staff and work with me, hand-in-hand, to deliver what I feel is, and will be, the best summer program in the City of Milwaukee for years to come.

For the last three summers, I have had the opportunity to view Bill in a bigger role, as Community Liaison Officer (CLO). This role was suited for him, and he for it. The CLO serves mainly as an individual handling discipline and general awareness for the program. The CLO is partly responsible for making the program known throughout the city through the distribution of fliers, word of mouth, fundraising and handling the day-to-day discipline of the participants and staff. Bill has been fantastic in this area, as he is very secure in his own self that he can and does share in and with others. One of the best qualities in Bill is his listening. He is a great listener, which makes him invaluable to our program especially if there is a child who has a problem. Bill will listen, digest, and then give the child options to what he has heard as viable solutions. Bill seldom takes time off, and he continually takes work home to stay in touch with children after the camp has ended for the day, either to call and check up on them, or to talk with parents about an incident that might have happened throughout the day. He cares deeply for everyone he comes into contact with. Bill is just that type of person.



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Bill hungers for knowledge, which is why he spends a majority of his free time in the library, or reading. He then takes this acquired knowledge and shares it with those whom he comes into contact with. He indeed has a gift and a message to share. This message is quite clear. It is one of genuine caring, love and family. Bill rarely takes time off, and is very task orientated. He serves a bigger role on this planet than most will ever fathom. He is a teacher, creator, molder of minds and a dear friend. I cherish not only his friendship, but the vigor this young man shows in his endeavor to educate others. Bill has touched many, and will continue to touch others with his gift. He is indeed an extraordinary individual.

Knowing Bill, like I have for the past five or so years, I find it very comfortable to not only have him involved with the NYSP, but to also have him as a friend. Giving the opportunity, Mr. Perry has a lot to give to anyone who is willing to listen. I believe many of his former students have benefited from his wisdom, as I know I have.

Again it was with great pleasure that I write this letter for William (Bill) J. Perry. His enthusiasm, energy and insight are what separates him from anyone I have ever come into contact with. It is truly a privilege to know of Mr. Perry, and to call him my friend.

If I can answer any questions about Bill, please feel free to contact me.

Yours for the Children,



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