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Letter of Support for CREATE Arts Center
From Shannon Babe-Thomas, Executive Director
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of our nonprofit partner organization, CREATE Arts Center.

Community Bridges empowers girls from diverse backgrounds to become exceptional students, positive leaders, and healthy young women. We envision an inclusive community where each person is valued and has abundant opportunities to improve themselves and the world around them.

Throughout our years-long partnership with CREATE, I can say that they share these goals and values and deliver on their commitment to inclusion and diversity, and to helping people of all ages to fully realize their potential.

Over the years, CREATE has hosted Community Bridges, both staff and program participants, for a variety of workshops not only focused on the joy of artistic expression, but on prompting our girls to discuss the challenges in the journey to develop a strong sense of self and their place in the world, self-confidence and finding their authentic voice. Most recently, CREATE ran a workshop for our mentors and mentees with the goal of strengthening bonds.

CREATE's commitment to inclusion, to diversity and to access by offering their programming at low-or-no cost to traditionally marginalized communities, including people on fixed and low-incomes, is an example of truly serving on their journey to healing and empowerment.

Both Community Bridges and CREATE recognize the power of strong partnerships to make a difference in our community.

We wholeheartedly support CREATE's desire to expand their programming and impact.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S Babe-Thomas", written in a cursive style.

Shannon Babe-Thomas