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**SAN JUAN COUNTY CASA PROGRAM
VOLUNTEER REFERENCE REQUEST**

Re: _____

Date: _____

Dear _____,

The above referenced applicant has applied as a volunteer to our program and has given you as a reference. CASA volunteers provide information on children who are abused and neglected, making recommendations to the Court as to a child's best interest. This reference form will be used to assess the applicant's ability to carry out the role of a Court Appointed Special Advocate. Selected applicants will receive a minimum of 20 hours of training and ongoing program supervision. Your information will enable us to assess the applicant's ability to serve as a CASA Volunteer. Please use the enclosed envelope to return this Questionnaire. Thank you.

(ALL INFORMATION RECEIVED WILL BE HELD CONFIDENTIAL IN EVERY RESPECT)

1. In what capacity have you known the applicant? _____
For how long? _____
2. How well do you know the applicant? Very well ___ Well ___ Average ___
Good ___ Extreme Conflict ___ Doesn't Apply ___
3. Applicant's relationship to own children, if applicable? Good ___ Average ___
Mild Conflict ___ Extreme Conflict ___ Doesn't Apply ___
4. Applicant's relationship to youth in general. *(Check as many as are applicable)*
Understanding ___ Impatient ___ Patient ___ Well Liked ___ Friendly ___
Distant ___ Stern ___
5. Applicant's relationship with people in general. *(Check as many as are applicable)*
Warm ___ Shallow ___ Sincere ___ Cool ___ Loyal ___ Shy ___
6. How would you describe the applicant's friendships? *(Check as many as are applicable)*
Many friends constantly changing ___ Few friends constantly changing ___
Many friends loyal ___ Few friends loyal ___ Average ___ No friends ___
7. How would you rate applicant's health? Average ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Poor ___
8. Check as many of the following as describe the applicant. Domineering ___ Cooperative ___
Leader ___ Follower ___ Confident ___ Happy ___ Unhappy ___ Friendly ___
Considerate ___ Stubborn ___ Moody ___ Assertive ___ Reserved ___ Lazy ___
Nervous ___ Well-adjusted _____

9. To what extent is this applicant aware of his/her shortcomings?
 Feels she/he has none_____ Strives to overcome them_____ Ignores them_____
 Accepts them_____ Unknown_____
10. Check those of the following that describe the applicant's temperament? Stable _____
 Easily upset_____ Impatient_____ Patient_____ Hot-tempered_____
11. Do you consider this applicant emotionally stable? Yes_____ Usually_____
 If not, why not? _____
12. Describe the applicant's ability to be flexible? Excellent_____ Good_____ Average_____ Fair_____
 Poor_____
13. How does the applicant assume responsibility? Excellent_____ Good_____ Average_____ Fair_____
 Poor_____
14. How well does applicant finish projects or activities begun? Very well_____ Well_____
 Average_____ Fair_____ Poor_____
15. How would you rate the applicant's ability to handle confidential information?
 Excellent___ Good_____ Fair_____ Poor_____ Cannot maintain confidentiality_____
16. How would you rate the applicant's ability to be objective, not judging other's behavior or
 lifestyles?
 Very accepting of others_____ Somewhat bothered by lifestyles different than own_____ Critical of
 others who live and act differently_____
17. Is this applicant critical or somewhat bothered by different ethnic backgrounds? No_____ Yes _____
 If yes, explain _____
18. In your opinion, has the applicant ever had a drug or alcohol problem? No_____ Yes_____
 If yes, explain _____
19. Has the applicant ever had his/her driver's license revoked or suspended? No_____ Not to my
 knowledge_____ Yes _____ If yes, explain_____
20. Has this applicant ever been accused, arrested, or convicted of a crime? No_____
 Not to my knowledge_____ Yes _____ If yes, explain_____
21. In a few words, please summarize what your overall reaction or feelings are towards this applicant.

22. Would you be comfortable having the applicant as an Advocate for a member of your family?
 Yes_____ No_____ If no, why not?_____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____