



NATIVE AMERICAN CONNECTIONS

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To whom it may concern:

Native American Connections (NAC) is pleased to provide this letter of endorsement for Future for Kids (FFK). Native American Connections has partnered with Future for Kids to deliver summer programming for school aged youth living at Coral Canyon, Whispering Palms and Divine Legacy. Programing has included a trip to the DPR School of Construction; a highlight of the summer camp.

Native American Connections' (NAC) mission is improving the lives of individuals and families through Native American culturally appropriate behavioral health, affordable housing, and community development services. The majority of our residents and clients are very low-income and face challenges associated with poor health, lack of sustainable employment and substance use. Future for Kids' mission is to provide mentor driven out-of-school time programs and camps that focus on academics, athletics, and ethics to improve the lives of youth who face adversity. Working together, NAC and Future for Kids lay the foundation for youth to embrace a positive lifestyle while avoiding risky behaviors such as early substance use.

Since 1972, NAC has been recognized as an innovative Native American multiservice organization working to improve community health and wellness along with increasing housing stability. Native American Connections owns and operates 18 sites throughout Central Phoenix offering a continuum of affordable housing, behavioral health, and community development services which touch and change the lives of over 10,000 individuals and families each year.

NAC appreciates the quality of programming offered by FFK along with FFK's capacity to provide transportation and scholarships for events held off-site such as the ASU Summer Youth Camp. NAC supports FFK's mission and commitment to youth, particularly the Native American youth.

Sincerely,

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