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Dear Neil:

I am writing this letter to congratulate your agency on receiving the Gold Star Certification level from the Center for Nonprofit Excellence.


As you know, the Gold Star is the highest recognition you can receive in ensuring adherence to rigorous standards of operation, including financial control. We are delighted that your agency adheres to such high standards and are proud of knowing that your agency has received this high standard of excellence. In addition, we are very proud that you continue to maintain the highest level of accountability and transparency as an organization, as demonstrated by not only your participation in the Center for Nonprofit Excellence agency review, but also ensuring all that you are adhering to the high standards by all those who accredited the programs at your agency.

As we see by many nonprofits with significant increases in needs for services, and more difficult times in raising money, the operations of a nonprofit are becoming more difficult each day. We know how difficult it is when the demand exceeds the available resources to meet that demand. Very often agencies like yours put the needs of the client ahead of ensuring a balanced budget.

United Way would be more than willing to discuss with any individuals who have concerns regarding your agency, our review of your services, as well as other aspects we evaluate you on for securing United Way funds. If people want such information all they need to do is contact us.

Again, thank you for the commitment you and your agency have to quality in all you do.

Sincerely,



Scott B. Badesch
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