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To whom it may concern:

I have known Bryan Ripley Crandall for nearly two years as a colleague, collaborator and friend. I met Bryan when he began volunteering with Sudanese "Lost Boys" refugees in Syracuse, NY. I have been working with these refugees for nearly eight years, first in Phoenix, Arizona at the AZ Lost Boys Center and then in Syracuse through St. Vincent De Paul. Throughout this period Bryan is without a doubt the most caring, professional and competent volunteer I have met.

The best way to describe Bryan professionally is to say that he practices the scholarship of application, as defined in the Boyer Model of Scholarship. Indeed, the boyer model describes the scholarship of application as:

using research findings and innovations to remedy societal problems. Included in this category are service activities that are specifically tied to one's field of knowledge and professional activities. Beneficiaries of these activities include commercial entities, non-profit organizations, and professional associations.

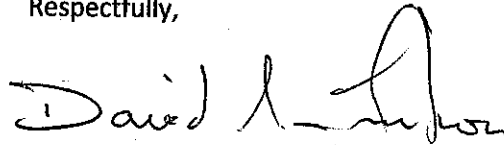
Indeed, the degree to which Bryan brings his theoretical insights to The Sudanese Lost Boys of Syracuse Cow Project is impressive. The very nature of the project, which is to earn scholarship money for participants, provides Bryan with opportunities to promote the values of education in among members of a vulnerable community. Bryan also directs his energy toward educating the Syracuse community about the needs of these refugees. He regularly participates as a mentor at both cow making sessions and sales and attends numerous public events involving Lost Boys to give them guidance and support. Bryan also assists in arranging speaking engagements for Lost Boys at numerous venues throughout Syracuse. Perhaps most importantly, he has arranged for Lost Boys to speak at public schools to help raise awareness of their situation and of the perils of genocide.

Bryan's service to this community has been, to say the very least, highly commendable. Indeed, the respect given him by these refugees is outstanding and publicly known by all who come in contact with them. Bryan has been a volunteer, a mentor and a friend to very many of them.

Some months ago the Senior Advisers to the Cow Project met and voted unanimously to include Bryan in our ranks. The organization has benefited tremendously from his involvement and he deserved this recognition. Bryan never asked to be a senior adviser. Rather, we elected him purely out of recognition for the incredible service he has provided to the project and to the Lost Boys of Syracuse.

If ever I can provide more information about Bryan's involvement with The Sudanese Lost Boys of Syracuse Cow Project please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Turkon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "D".

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