



July 23, 2004

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to write a letter of recommendation for Kristen Bennett, who was the Executive Director of the Black Hills Area Habitat for Humanity from 1997 to 2000.

Her leadership was crucial to the on going success of this organization. During her tenure Kristen was able to coordinate the construction of over 15 homes for low-income families, providing a permanent solution to their housing crisis.

Kristen's vision and ability to build successful business partnerships lead to the establishment of a Habitat Subdivision in the city of Rapid City. Within this subdivision was also the construction of the first permanent office for the Habitat organization and staff.

Her computer, data base and publishing skills provided a much needed product to manage volunteers and raise public awareness of the need for simple, decent housing for low-income families.

Even after leaving the organization Kristen was always willing to provide information and resources to new staff.

As the current Executive Director, I am still reaping the benefit of the fine foundation Kristen laid for Habitat.

I believe Kristen is a highly motivated, creative and ethical person who would be an asset to any organization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michele".

Michele A. Bascom MA
Executive Director