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December 16, 2015

Ms. Janet Brandon
A.I.M. & Associates, Inc.
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Dear Ms. Brandon:

With the 2015 gardening season having come to an end, I write to convey appreciation to the A.I.M. team that has been so supportive of gardening tasks undertaken at the Traynor property located on Winding Way in the North Auburn area. For months, the team has arrived at the garden each Monday to lend a hand with a variety of tasks, some mundane, some more complex and even fraught with risks as some 15,175 pounds of veggies were produced.

As one of the principals closely connected with the garden since property owner and garden entrepreneur Virgil Traynor passed away in September 2014, I share with you compliments for the job your organization has accomplished in its work with challenged young adults. The character building opportunities and skill building opportunities experienced by the team has been amazing. I attribute this to the leadership offered on the ground by team leaders and Specialists who nurture those who have worked in the garden. While there have been several accomplished Specialists continually associated with the team, I specifically note that Brandon Wautlet has been my contact when there has been need to communicate about garden conditions. Brandon is an exemplary supervisor and I think a mentor for others who make up the accompanying supervisory team. Clearly, each of the supervisors – Specialists – has talent in bringing out the best of character in each and every client. The work your Specialists do is amazing and I see that not just in productivity but also in the bonding and teamwork and affability of your clients. Parents and foster parents of your clients surely see the personal growth made by their family members, and I suspect they feel blessed to have found A.I.M. If I may, I take pride in acknowledging the professionalism of each of your Specialists. Likewise, I take pride in acknowledging each garden helper.

I am humbled to share appreciation with you for the A.I.M. team assistance and I know Stu Jann and Terry Bryant, as well as Jackie Traynor, would agree with me in extending compliments to the A.I.M. team. Stu, Terry and Jackie have each been principals who have spent hours with the team and who have the same appreciation for each team member and for each Specialist. Stu, Terry and Jackie would join me in extending good wishes to you for continued success and growth.

While 2015 winds down, we wish you and A.I.M. – Inc. all the blessings of the Christmas season and a bountiful New Year.

Sincerely,



Bart Ruud

cc: Jann; Traynor