

To Whom It May Concern:

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I recently learned Janet & Gregg Brandon are considering a possible expansion of their adult life skills learning program and I would like to offer my support of their efforts. I first met the Brandon's almost twenty years ago when our son's were members of an Auburn area Cub Scout pack. The Brandon's were very involved in their son's development and supportive of all facets of the scouting program. In time our boys would move on to other interests and approximately fifteen years would pass before we would have the opportunity to work together again.

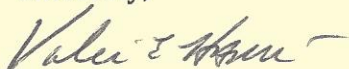
In June 2005, while serving as Captain and subsequently Chief of Police for the City of Auburn, CA, I again crossed paths with Janet Brandon. Janet and Gregg, had recently started A.I.M. & Associates, adult independent living program. They were actively pursuing life skills development opportunities for their clients throughout the Auburn community. Upon meeting with Janet and discussing the mutual benefits of a joint venture, we agreed to have a handful of her clients wash police cars each week throughout the summer months.

On a number of occasions I had the pleasure of talking with the Brandon's clients and staff. It was evident every client cherished the opportunity to volunteer in a meaningful way at the department. Our life skills cooperative program would eventually grow into opportunities for her clients to serve in other capacities at local city events. One such event was serving as part of the clean up crew for the Amgen Tour of California Stage Start held in Auburn on May 17, 2011.

After several years of positive interactions with the Brandon's and their clientele, I proposed an opportunity for new experiences for her adult learners. My local Rotary International Club of Auburn had started a large community garden that now produces thousands of pounds of vegetables each year. I invited the Brandon's to select a handful of clients to work the garden each week. Club members and A.I.M. clients have since developed a very special bond while working side by side planting, maintaining, and harvesting the garden. It has proven to be a huge success for the A.I.M. clients, Rotarian's and many throughout the Auburn community.

I strongly encourage your organization to partner with the Brandon's and A.I.M. You won't find a more capable and reliable pair of program managers that are dedicated to the growth and success of each and every client. Janet and Gregg are worthy of my support and I gladly make myself available as a reference. A.I.M. fulfills a great need however there are many more that would benefit from their services.

Sincerely,



Valerie Harris, Chief of Police Retired