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To Whom It May Concern,

I've been with Project FOCUS for about a year and a half, and I honestly can't imagine where I'd be without it. They've supported me through so many different parts of my life, and I've grown so much because of them.

When I first joined, I struggled a lot with managing my emotions, balancing work and life, and just figuring out how to navigate adulthood. Since then, I've become so much more confident and have been able to accomplish goals that I never thought I could. One of the biggest things I've gained is knowing that I don't have to go through everything alone.

Project FOCUS has been there for me during multiple mental health crises and gave me the support I needed to avoid being hospitalized again. They also helped me move into my apartment, organize and furnish it, taught me how to budget, and even provided financial support when I needed it. After being out of school for two years, they gave me the confidence to enroll again and start working toward my future.

One of my favorite memories is the healthy cooking workshops. We learned how to make simple, nutritious meals together, and I still make many of those recipes today. It's such a small example of how Project FOCUS doesn't just help in moments of crisis—they teach skills that continue to make a difference every day.

What makes Project FOCUS so special is that they truly care. They create a safe, welcoming environment where I always feel understood and supported, and they've helped me in ways that no other program has. If Project FOCUS wasn't here, I honestly don't know how I would navigate everything on my own.

I truly hope Project FOCUS continues to receive funding because this program has changed my life, and I know it will continue changing the lives of so many other young people like me.

Thank you for your time and consideration.