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To Whom It May Concern,

Homelessness is among the Bay Area's most urgent challenges. It strains public health systems, disrupts children's education, and traps families in cycles of poverty and instability. At LifeMoves, our mission is to provide interim housing, supportive services, and a pathway to stable, self-sufficient futures. Meeting this challenge requires individuals who bring empathy, creativity, and a thoughtful, people-centered approach.

Anika Akkiraju exemplifies these qualities.

Anika began volunteering with LifeMoves in 2021, mobilizing her peers during the pandemic to deliver meals to clients in crisis. During the academic year, she supported the Motel Voucher Program tutoring club, providing consistent academic assistance to youth in transitional housing. She also volunteered at our Summer Adventure Camp, which blends STEM learning and mentorship to foster joy and growth for children experiencing homelessness. In each setting, Anika provided not only academic guidance but also encouragement and stability during a period of disruption.

Throughout her service with LifeMoves, Anika has consistently articulated—and demonstrated—her belief in education as a pathway to empower children in our shelters. Recognizing the rapid adoption of AI tools and technologies, she proactively designed an age-appropriate curriculum, "AI for Teens and Preteens," to ensure these students are not left behind as this transformation unfolds. She is scheduling monthly sessions across multiple sites, and her persistence in bringing this initiative to life has been deeply appreciated by LifeMoves staff. In addition, she has raised more than \$10,000 through initiatives such as Ride to End Homelessness and continues to champion LifeMoves' Teen Education and Upliftment programs, expanding opportunities for underserved youth.

As a member of the Recovery Initiative Program—a collaboration between LifeMoves and Stanford University—Anika works alongside Stanford researchers and LifeMoves case managers on initiatives that provide counseling, resources, and client support to promote recovery from substance use and durable, positive life change.

What sets Anika apart is her commitment to children in our shelters and her drive to pursue financial, technological, and human-centered solutions to one of our region's most complex challenges. She combines a passion for education with a rigorous curiosity about the root causes of homelessness—all while treating clients with dignity and kindness. Anika has enriched the lives of many children and families and continues to inspire others through her service.

I recommend Anika Akkiraju without reservation for any future endeavor. Any organization will benefit greatly from her compassion, insight, and dedication to empowering communities and breaking cycles of homelessness.

Sincerely,

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