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To whom it may concern,

It is my pleasure to write this character reference for Mrs. Sarafia Washington. I have had the opportunity to see her serve with children in our children's ministry at NEWLIFE Church, and I cannot speak highly enough of the character, care, and intentionality she brings into every space and every lesson.

One of her greatest strengths is her natural ability to connect with children. She doesn't just simply talk to them, she gets down on their level, listens to them intently, engages with them, and makes them feel seen and valued. She has a gift for creating an environment where children feel comfortable and included. She has a way of comforting children who are struggling to be away from mom and dad that is so refreshing.

She is also incredibly intentional about creating a Christ-centered environment. Her faith is reflected in not only what she teaches, but in the way she interacts with the children. She leads with patience, kindness, and genuine joy. She understands that working with children is about so much more than managing a classroom and uses it as an opportunity to build relationships and model the love of Christ so that children can grow in their faith.

She also brings wonderful organization and creativity to the spaces she serves in. She has an eye for looking at a classroom and thinking about how it can best serve the children in it. She thoughtfully organizes and utilizes the space to encourage engagement, participation, learning, and connection. She encourages the use of multiple modalities like music, movement, and fine motor and it's all reflected in her classroom structure.

Beyond her skills, she is simply the kind of person you want serving children and families. She is dependable, compassionate, thoughtful, and willing to step in anywhere she is needed. She takes her responsibility seriously while still bringing warmth and joy to the children she serves.

I wholeheartedly recommend and speak for Ms. Washington's character. As a mother, parent-educator, and Children's director, she is the caregiver and educator I would want for my own children. Any family, ministry, school, or program would be incredibly fortunate to have someone with her heart, character, and Christ-likeness.

Sincerely,
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