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To Whom It May Concern:

I am please to write this reference letter for Gerda Malan. Gerda has taught part-time at the Foothills Alliance School since the fall of 2003. While at Foothills, Gerda taught in the split 3/4 year olds, junior kindergarten and kindergarten classes. I have been on the Educational Advisory Board of the Foothills Alliance School since Gerda's second year at the school and currently I am the principal for the school. I would like to share some of Gerda's teaching strengths with you.

Gerda's program is very well organized. Her theme oriented teaching focuses on enhancing every area of a child's development; social, spiritual, physical, academic and emotional. Gerda's classroom is a safe, fun and nurturing environment where children know they are greatly valued. Individual attention is given to each of the students and Gerda encourages each child to do his/her very best in all activities.

Gerda has several very special gifts that she shares with each student. She believes strongly in sharing and teaching about God's love and forgiveness and does so every class she teaches. Gerda also has a love for music that all her children appreciate. Many parents make positive comments about the number of songs their children have learned and how they love to sing them at home. To watch Gerda's students perform at special events is a treat for everyone.

Gerda is a valuable part of the Foothills Alliance School staff and we are sorry to see her leave. She is professional, competent and has many excellent educational experiences to draw from. She is caring and supportive of students, parents and staff members. I highly recommend Gerda as a teacher for the "Music and Movement" preschool program. She would be an excellent addition to any school.

If you would like to discuss this reference further please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Miriam Quapp,
Principal
Foothills Alliance School