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To Whom It May Concern,

It is with great pride and wholehearted enthusiasm that I write this letter of support for *Jarrad D. Blade Foundation & Ranch* and its exceptional founder and leader, Ms. Crystal Blade.

As the former principal of Panola Way Elementary School and now serving as Senior Coordinator III at the district level within the DeKalb County School District, I have had the privilege of witnessing firsthand the profound and lasting impact that Jarrad D. Blade Foundation & Ranch has had on our students, staff, and broader school community.

During her visit to our school, Ms. Blade introduced our students to the inspirational legacy of her late brother, Jarrad D. Blade. Through her storytelling and heartfelt engagement, she inspired our children to dream bigger, think deeper, and believe in the power of healing, education, and service. Her presence sparked a wave of enthusiasm that reverberated throughout the school year.

One of the most touching demonstrations of Jarrad D. Blade Foundation & Ranch's commitment came during the holiday season, when the organization delivered over 350 gifts to our school—ensuring that every student received not just one, but multiple presents. For many of our families, this outpouring of generosity brought a sense of joy and comfort during a time that can often be challenging.

Perhaps most transformative was the opportunity for our students to visit Jarrad D. Blade Foundation & Ranch in person. For many, it was their first time outside their immediate neighborhood. The experience of interacting with horses, engaging in hands-on activities, and simply enjoying the peace of the natural environment left an indelible mark. It was more than a field trip; it was a life-changing experience that broadened their horizons and nurtured their spirits.

Jarrad D. Blade Foundation & Ranch exemplifies what it means to be a true community partner: generous, dependable, mission-driven, and deeply committed to the well-being and growth of our youth. I give my strongest recommendation and full endorsement to Ms. Crystal Blade and the entire Jarrad D. Blade Foundation & Ranch team as they continue to expand their vital and impactful work.

With sincere appreciation and support,

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