



YMCA

We build strong kids,
strong families, strong communities

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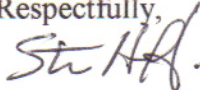
Dear Coach David:

You came to us in early 1995 to sign your son up to play T-ball and went away with the idea and possibility of being the one parent to volunteer to coach. Through the next six years, you proved to be a devoted and highly respected coach and leader. You instantly set out to organize a pre-season get together so all the families could meet each other. Because of your patience with children and the love and knowledge of the sport, you were able to hold the your team together for the next six years. You had many parents and kids ask to be on your team year after year. Many families were put on a waiting list to join your "Irving Mariner" family.

Your leadership and professionalism during practices was a model to emulate. With the core of three full-time assistant coaches, you were able to separate your players into groups to work on position skills and fundamentals. You recruited high school pitchers to give clinics for your team. You organized the team in a way that allowed you to be a true manager. The job you seemed to enjoy the most was that of motivator. You were always compassionate to your players and verbally supportive to the other team and their parents. Even in the most intense moments you were composed, allowing your players to maintain their self-confidence. They saw that even in the heat of a close game, their coach was in control and confident of his team. You never got out of hand or out of control.

Speaking to your players' parents after one game, I found out how inventive you are. I was told that you designed the uniforms and created a unique and professional logo specifically for your team. I also found out that you persuaded a local restaurant to cater your end of year banquets as a donation. In a professional gesture you returned the favor by providing them with a team picture.

Thank you for your many seasons of fine sportsmanship and youth encouragement.

Respectfully,


Steve Holt
Irving YMCA Sports Director

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Dear Coach Dave:

On behalf of the staff and all of the families of the children you coached, I want to say thank you for the incredible job you did as a volunteer coach at the Northwest YMCA. I know that being a youth baseball coach is much more than just being at games and practice twice a week. You went above the norm during your brief stint with our organization. During practices you delegated some responsibilities to other parents and came prepared to teach specific skills and strategies. You used your prior six years of coaching experience to properly position players where their skills could be used best so these young athletes could sharpen their skills. I also heard positive feedback from parents that you constantly encouraged the players' siblings and parents to join in at the end of practice drills and scrimmages. We all realize that this was a clever way of having the entire family involved and invested in a worthy cause. By reaching out into the community and drumming up sponsors, you allowed your team to enjoy free treats at local establishments. You showed both empathy for players and their families and ingenious social and business savvy. These are traits not many YMCA organizations are privileged to have from their volunteers. We hope to have your talent available for future YMCA families. Thank you for your generosity of time, skills and professionalism.

Respectfully,
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YMCA Program Director

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**iDream,
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Dear David Shafer,

The IDream Planning Committee would like to thank you for being an exhibitor and helping to make the 7th Annual iDream...iLearn...iWin Family Summit a success! Your time and efforts at this summit created a life changing event for our youth; and it is with your continued assistance, we aspire to provide engaging summits that improve and touch the lives of the families in Tarrant County.

We rely on giving individuals like you, who look past the current statistics on graduation rates and take action to do something about it! Every minute of your time assisting with this initiative was greatly appreciated and valued. Thank you for all that you do, and we look forward to working with you again in the near future.

Respectfully,
The IDream Planning Committee

***A small group of thoughtful people could change the world. Indeed,
it's the only thing that ever has. -- Margaret Mead***



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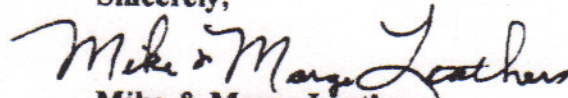
To Whom It May Concern:

David Shafer and his wife successful completed a Marriage Encounter weekend in April 2002.

David has also been an active volunteer on subsequent weekend, and has attended our monthly follow-up group (Image), summer picnic and has volunteered his services to the board of National Marriage Encounter of North Texas, including assisted with a new promotional campaign.

It is my pleasure to recommend David Shafer as a truly outstanding young man.

Sincerely,



**Mike & Marge Leathers
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"Go to the heart of the family - the couple. They are the key to the love-revolution the world needs"

Fr, Gabriel Calvo, Founder, Marriage Encounter