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To Whom It May Concern:

As a retired certified public accountant with over twenty years experience and a former executive director for the Burton Cotton Gin & Museum, a not-for-profit organization, I have worked with many volunteers. None exhibited the professionalism, expertise and dedication that Leslie Wood lent to any project she undertook. During the years of 2003 to 2007, she served as financial director for the Cotton Gin Festival, the main fundraiser of the cotton gin. As the treasurer and financial director, a volunteer position, she prepared the budget, administered the sponsorships, paid all festival bills, and reported to the festival committee advising and guiding them in all financial areas. One year, she even accepted the chairmanship for the sponsorship committee, helping the festival secure sponsors. In 2006, she served as a contributing board member resigning only because of added responsibilities at the Unity Theatre.

Anything Leslie did for the cotton gin organization, she did perfectly. Financial records before her tenure were hard to understand. Under her administration, the festival financial records were clear, complete, correct, and always timely – this in spite of working very long hours at her position at the Unity Theatre. Enthusiasm, loyalty, integrity, and leadership abilities are some of her other attributes.

Although Leslie's financial skills are excellent, she shines as a communicator. I saw her communication skills in action on many occasions. I have heard her speak many times before festival volunteers who listened attentively to her every word. I have listened to her as she served as liaison between the festival committee and the Burton Cotton Gin board of directors. I was most impressed as she delivered an ad-lib presentation before the Washington County Hotel Occupancy Tax board who was persuaded to award 100% of her request for the Unity Theatre.

I recommend Leslie Wood without reservation to perform any project she undertakes. Please feel free to contact me at (979) 289-5399 or at [mstegemueller@gmail.com](mailto:mstegemueller@gmail.com) if you desire additional information. Leslie has my permission to do anything she wishes with this letter, including posting it on her website. I hope that it will serve to open the doors to a mutually satisfactory relationship.

Sincerely,

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