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Mr. Gary Hall, Founder and Executive Director  
Community Advocates' Association for Children  
And Youth, Inc. (CAACY)  
2313 West Oxford Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19121

Dear Gary,

I enjoyed meeting with you in my office and discussing the good work you do to help children and youth. I remember you from my days as Mayor of Philadelphia and your unwavering commitment to strengthening families, true to your mission that strong families make strong communities.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you and CAACY for the exceptional service you have provided for over 23 years to more than 25,000 at-risk youth and their families. The results of your programs distinguish you as a leader in the care you provide to your clients.

CAACY understands that the at-risk teens and families that it serves are troubled by interconnected problems, which are usually centered in inadequate schooling, delinquency, unemployment, welfare dependency, teen parenthood, and unstable family lives, and call for comprehensive measures to solve them. You understand that real success ultimately resides with the motivation within individuals -- motivation to believe that they can achieve and succeed. Staying close to your clients to help facilitate their successful transition into adulthood by focusing on both preventative and rehabilitative programs is significant to CAACY's success.

Best wishes to you and to CAACY. Your work in the community helps prepare our young people to take their place in society. CAACY achievements can help bring the promise of better days and years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward G. Rendell".

Edward G. Rendell  
Governor