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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Tracy Cecil. I am the Executive Director of McKnight Place Assisted Living. I have worked in geriatric care since 1994. I began my career as a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant, practicing for over 15 years in skilled nursing and Assisted Living communities. I went back to college and earned my degree in Health Care Management in 2008 becoming a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator in 2009. I have had a passion for residents with dementia after going to a seminar on Validation Therapy presented by Naomi Fiel. I immediately incorporated her techniques of validation fantasy therapy into my OT treatments and the outcome had a profound impact on my residents.

I met Ted Gillespie a few years ago when I was the Administrator of Parc Provence, a community of well-being dedicated to residents with memory care concerns. Ted was working with one of our residents and I immediately noticed his passion to not only help those challenged by this disease, but to educate those who provide their care. Ted has a gift to teach others about the challenges our resident's face on a daily basis. He is compassionate about providing a positive impact on the lives of seniors; a compassion that is contagious as I often witnessed our staff consult with Ted for ideas about care approach.

As our baby boomer generation continues to age; quality educators who truly understand the challenges of Alzheimer's and dementia will be vital their quality of their care. I consider it an honor to recommend Ted Gillespie to become a certified trainer for the Virtual Dementia Tour.

Very Truly Yours,

Tracy Cecil, LNHA

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