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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to strongly recommend the services of Ascend Nonprofit and Business Solutions (NBS). Since May of 2019, Ascend NBS has written grant proposals for our organization, The Health Collaborative. Additionally, they have assisted us in the areas of networking, outreach, and identifying potential collaborations with other community organizations.

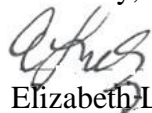
By using Ascend NBS, we have received the services of a full development team for less than the salary of one full-time grant writer. Each grant proposal they have written has been of exceptional quality because they took the time to get to know our organization and what makes us unique. As such, they have been able to impactfully articulate our mission to a variety of funders from foundations, corporations, and government agencies.

One of the biggest benefits to using the services of Ascend NBS is the time it has saved our organization. The Health Collaborative oversees multiple large-scale community health-related initiatives in Bexar County with a staff of three individuals. In short, time is a valuable commodity to our organization. In outsourcing our development work to Ascend NBS, we now have more time to work on programming and organization management. Furthermore, Ascend NBS has written over 25 proposals on our behalf, far more than we would have been able to produce on our own in the same period of time.

As a Bexar County based nonprofit, supporting local community organizations is important to us, which is another reason why we use the services of Ascend NBS. Ascend NBS focuses on providing fundraising services to nonprofits serving the San Antonio area. Their entire team is based in this community and their Founder/CEO, Dr. Arlene Siller, has lived and worked in Bexar County for decades. Therefore, we know the money we spend on Ascend NBS will be reinvested into our community through their work with other San Antonio area nonprofits.

Once again, I highly recommend Ascend NBS to any nonprofit that has a need for grant writing services. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any further questions you might have.

Sincerely,



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