

November 30, 2006

**Stella Husch  
Strive Inc.  
7105 Glenburnie  
Clarkston, MI 48346**

Dear Stella,

This letter is to show my support for Strive, Inc.

I work in the Parks & Recreation field as a Recreation Program Coordinator. I oversee many summer day camps and Strive, Inc. has been a great resource for me when planning these programs. I have depended on Strive, Inc. for information and advice regarding people of all abilities and how I can make sure the summer camps we offer are inclusive.

This past summer, Stella Husch came to my camp staff training and did a workshop for the entire camp staff on how to work with children with disabilities (in particular – children with autism). Her knowledge of the therapeutic parks & recreation field was immense. The staff learned a great deal from the workshop. We have some children in our camp program who have some degree of autism. The camp staff was somewhat unsure on how to work with children who have autism. After Strive's workshop, the staff was more confident with themselves and they learned a great deal on how to work with children with autism. The workshop focused on what we might expect when working with autistic children and how to handle any problems that might arise. Thanks to Stella and Strive, Inc., my camp staff became very comfortable with their new knowledge and put it to good use in the camp program

This was an amazing workshop and one that ended up benefiting us greatly. Upon doing an overall evaluation of the entire week long camp staff training I provide, the staff ranked Strive's workshop the highest and most valuable. The staff was involved in the presentation from start to finish. The information provided to us by Strive was extremely important and beneficial!

Strive, Inc. has always been available to Huntington Woods Parks & Recreation as a resource when we have situations come up regarding persons with disabilities. I am always appreciative of their expertise and have come to count on them a great deal.

I wholeheartedly support Strive, Inc. and the work they do!

Sincerely,

Tracy Shanley  
Recreation Program Coordinator  
Huntington Woods Parks & Recreation