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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter of reference is intended to extol the virtues of a musical therapy program lead by Mr. Rick Soshensky, whose work I became familiar with through the Northeast Center for Special Care, where Mr. Soshensky was a music therapist with survivors of traumatic brain injury. My acquaintance with his work came from my attendance at several musical performances at which I, and many others in attendance, were moved to tears by the pride, expertise, and joy that radiated from those participating. This group, as you may be aware, has suffered injuries which, in many cases, have robbed them of self-confidence, self-esteem, and hope for a meaningful future. With Mr. Soshensky's guidance and encouragement, his students created a musical performance that was not only enjoyable to listen to, but also life-changing and life-affirming for those involved. Medication, psychological counseling, and physical therapy may aid recovery, but there is no replacement for opportunities in which those struggling with lost identities can express themselves positively and receive overwhelmingly positive public feedback for their efforts.

I recommend this program to anyone working with those challenged by disabilities as another important component of their treatment, rehabilitation, or education.

Sincerely,

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