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Dear Sir/Madam,

It is my privilege to recommend Samuel Bolin, who I've observed for the past ten years in our church and local community. He has a very high character, plays high school football, has a strong work ethic, and is active in several youth ministries.

This past summer I had the opportunity to work directly with Sam for one week as a site leader on a mission trip to the Appalachians. We had five teenagers of mixed skill sets and abilities of which Sam was the top performer. Sam was the natural leader of the group. I witnessed Sam lead by example and work tirelessly all day. When digging through rock with a pick axe became overwhelming at the end of the day, Sam would volunteer and attack it with vigor. He inspired the other boys who were not used to that hard work. Sam would also talk to everyone, lead devotions in the evening, and organize the team for the day ahead. Our work site was plagued with setbacks where the boys dealt with rain, mud, and a steep mountain incline. Sam persevered each day and inspired the others to continue through hardship. Our site was a huge success reconstructing a floor, room, and building steps. It's evident that God placed Sam on this team as part of His plan for it to succeed.

What impressed me most this summer is how Sam would look out for others. In Appalachia he was patient and encouraging to my son who has ADHD. The week following the trip Sam organized and led an *In Jesus Name We Play* ministry outreach to a local trailer park community. Kids there have little opportunity and Sam provided a smile and encouragement to each of the kids thru sports outreach. Sam also recapped his experience to our congregation speaking to a group of 400.

I admire that Sam is a winner. This year, after volunteering in summer ministries, Sam's team won the State of Indiana's H.S. Football championship. That was no surprise to me knowing Sam and his fellow student athletes at Center Grove. Sam though was also hungry to compete and win at the end of the day in our Appalachian trip. In the evenings Sam would challenge myself and other adults who were good at Euchre, and he relished when he was able to beat us.

I've watched Sam grow, work, and compete over the years. He has a strong work ethic, a desire for continuous self-improvement, and attributes in leadership. I look forward to seeing him succeed at the next level in his education and desire to serve others.

Sincerely,

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