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Cathy Robinson-Pickett  
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Dear Ms. Robinson Pickett:

This letter is to express a heart felt thank you for your HIV/AIDS education and prevention services in Area 14 (Polk County, Florida) and continued collaboration and support for your organization, Friends-Together, Inc.

As the HIV/AIDS Program Coordinator, I am familiar with Friends-Together, Inc. efforts in providing the highest quality of services, especially for People Living with HIV/AIDS and those affected by the disease. Friends-Together, Inc. provides HIV education, counseling and testing and behavior modification interventions, as well as numerous weekend retreats throughout the year that will focus on those infected individuals and affected friends and family. I am also familiar with your efforts in providing HIV education on a superior level. You have provided HIV/AIDS education to numerous groups and organizations in this area and previously completed services for Polk County on a contractual basis. AIDS Education and Training Centers have used your expertise and knowledge in that you have been certified and have taught courses for them throughout the State of Florida.

I would like to thank you for your continued devotion and commitment to HIV/AIDS education and prevention and please be assured that the Department of Health, Area 14 HIV/AIDS Program Office will continue to support and collaborate with you and Friends-Together, Inc.

I wish you continued success with your education, training and intervention programs.

Sincerely,

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