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To Whom it May Concern,

It my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Patrick Grant. My organization's 2012 'Singin' in the Rain' Auction was my first experience working with Patrick. I was and am impressed with all he did to make sure our event was success.

Patrick's style is high energy, dynamic, and donor-centric. I am confident that his skill, professionalism, and rapport with our audience are what turned a good event into a great one. No other auctioneer could have bonded with our supporters and kept them engaged the way he did. He is familiar with his audience, has a knack for spotting potential bidders, and always entertains.

Patrick's skill has become a bit of a legend in Skagit County, and at our recent auction his efforts resulted in over \$6000 in sales from two homemade pies. Patrick started out by selling Elma Johnson's Wild Blackberry pie for a new record of \$2200, then went on to sell her son Dr. Paul Johnson's surprise entry pie for \$2700. Only Patrick would be brilliant enough to get the pies donated back, sell them both again, sell a single slice, and then cap the bidding madness off by auctioning off Elma's pie plate to lick clean. The entire audience enjoyed the spectacle and it offered a wide variety of bidders a chance to be involved in a one-of-a-kind auction experience.

Patrick's night of the event work was superb - as was his participation, advice, and preparation before and after our event. I am especially appreciative of his post-event wrap up observations. He is a valuable resource for both experienced and novice auction organizers alike. I have already reserved Patrick for next year's auction, and I look forward to working with him again.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like a personal recommendation for Patrick!

Sincerely,

Wendy J. Rohrbacher, Executive Director