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MEMO TO: To Whom It May Concern
FROM: Mel Farnsworth, O.D.
RE: Pat Grant Recommendation
DATE: November 7, 2012

I have known Pat Grant for over five years. I consider him to be a dear friend, pastor, and colleague.

I first got to know him when we were starting a church, Anacortes Adventist Fellowship, when we hired him as our first pastor – I was his board chairman. It was a delight to work with him to develop the church in Anacortes, WA. During that process I got to know him very well and the following attributes of his character became evident:

- Punctual, often early to appointments
- Energetic and highly enthusiastic in developing our new church
- Poignant speaker, adept at using every day experiences to support a Biblical principle
- Highly engaging, non-judgmental, and genuinely interested in every person regardless of their status
- Very creative in thinking "out of the box" to meet and help people
- A special gift in communicating with young people

As a means for Pat to meet more people in Anacortes I sponsored him to the Rotary Club of Anacortes. About this time he began his second career as an auctioneer. Pat took his natural gifts to another level as an auctioneer. He has done our Rotary's main fund raiser, our auction ever since he joined and each year he has been able to exceed the previous year's donations. He now does all of Skagit County's major auction fund raiser's from the Anacortes Island Hospital Gala Auction to Skagit County Hospice auction to my offices' annual Christmas party auction. Pat's reputation has spread so that he is now doing numerous high end auctions up and down the I5 corridor.

His abilities grew from the foundation of being an excellent pastor to being an extraordinary auctioneer and I have observed the following skills development:

- Working diligently with the fund raising organization to achieve the best success in their auction
- Making the auction event exciting, humorous, witty, engaging and a wonderful experience
- Pat's energy level as an auctioneer has no bounds, he has the audience in the palm of his hand
- Because of his genuine charismatic spirit, people are attracted to him, and he returns the attention to them

As you can see, I think very highly of Pat – he is a good man, a loyal friend, and I know he will do the best for you.

Sincerely,



Mel Farnsworth, O.D.