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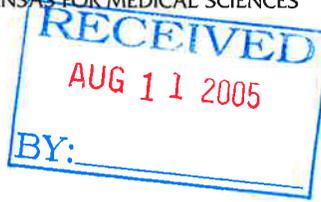
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RE: Dwight Davis

Dear Mr. Bernard:

I am writing to strongly commend the work of Mr. Dwight Davis, the coordinator of the Wright Avenue Alert Center for the City of Little Rock. I have had the good fortune to become acquainted with Mr. Davis through our joint activities in the Injury Free Coalition for Kids at Arkansas Children's Hospital. This hospital-community partnership program seeks to reduce childhood injury and improve the quality of life of children by making them safer in the environments in which they live, work, and play.

Mr. Davis has played a critical role as a member of the coalition since its formation in 2002. His particular role has been as a liaison between community residents, city government, and our project team in a number of injury prevention projects. In the past year, we have undertaken an ambitious grant-funded park improvement project that has required intensive consultation with the community. I can safely say that this important project could not have gone forward without Dwight's commitment, skill, and ability to communicate effectively with a variety of groups. He has consistently demonstrated a very rare talent for creating consensus among various neighborhood leaders on key project objectives. This has involved working well with both individuals and groups, keeping diverse groups abreast of other projects and plans in the area to ensure that they work together to benefit the neighborhoods.

On a personal basis, Mr. Davis displays a soft-spoken persistence and balanced approach to problems that make him a pleasure to work with. He knows how to get things done, and maintains a sense of humor when dealing with the challenges that accompany complicated projects involving multiple groups with differing agendas. His commitment to the improvement of the community, along with his knowledge of the historical legacy of the Centennial neighborhoods, has been extremely helpful to me and to our coalition. He is a highly regarded partner in the Injury Free Coalition for Kids, and I am confident that the children of the Centennial neighborhoods will be safer because of his efforts.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like additional information about Mr. Davis' contributions to our coalition and the community. We are very fortunate to have him part of our activities!

Sincerely,

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