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Dear Foundation Members,

I am delighted to write on behalf of the Karen DeMauro to say how much we value the interactive story telling performances and curriculum. The Freeport Public School District has worked with Karen DeMauro for over a decade. Historically, we have integrated her workshops into our intermediate grades 5 and 6 and feel that our students have developed skills and made personal connections that motivated them to think critically and incorporate related materials to historical events and current times. Most recently we had Ms. DeMauro join our instructional team for our summer arts intensive program.

Karen brings a spirit for learning and always exhibits high levels of energy that encourages all to participate and feel successful. It is an honor to work with someone so passionate of theatre arts education. She creates an environment that instills respect for others and creates learning opportunities that build self-confidence. Karen has a unique and friendly ability to integrate families, teacher, students, professional artists and community members. She provides social emotional learning experiences for empathy, recognizes the value of diverse populations and acknowledges inclusion for all.

We fully support the interdisciplinary, culturally responsive educational materials that she has to offer and are proud to recommend her for the City Arts Corps Grant in NYC. If you should need any additional information please don't hesitate to reach out to me 516.867.8926. It would be a pleasure to share even more supportive details.

Sincerely,

Ruth Breidenbach

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