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Subject: Letter of Recommendation for Mr. Thomas Jubert

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation in support of Peace Corps Volunteer Thomas Jubert.

Throughout Thomas Jubert's two year Peace Corps Volunteer service I have acted as the Associate Peace Corps Director of Education. Thomas came to Madagascar as a Health volunteer from Niger and showed striking adaptability to both location and primary assignment responsibilities. During a rigorous and abbreviated training Tom displayed incredible charisma and energy inside and outside of the work environment. His passion and good-natured attitude influences all corners of his endeavors, which in-turn has a positive influence upon those he works beside.

In Tom's first year and a half as a Volunteer he worked diligently and collaboratively with public education institutions, equivalent to the high school and middle school level, in a rural community. As an ESL teacher he heavily emphasized challenging his student's creativity and individuality while encouraging host-national educators to embolden an active learning environment, straying away from the too-often applied wrote-memorization methodology. Beyond formal classroom instruction Tom showed a thirst to delve into a multitude of secondary, cross-sector projects including organizing two English Clubs, restoring and constructing Madagascar National Park trails, drawing and painting a public world map, and building efficient-burning mud cook-stoves. Tom also utilized his 2010 summer vacation to organize a unique and first of its kind, 220 kilometer Peace Corps Madagascar-wide, AIDS awareness bike tour. The tour involved 22 PCVs and the NGO PSI and educated nine rural, isolated villages on AIDS as well as other locally pertinent information. The various undertakings he has pursued demonstrate Tom's ability to excel in numerous walks of life.

Apart from working in Ambatondrazaka, Central Madagascar, Tom showed flexibility by amicably switching sites to Andavadoaka, Southwest Madagascar, during his last six months of service. The action was taken in order to allow for a smooth transition between two education volunteers in Ambatondrazaka- since Tom was transferred from Niger his End of Service date occurred in the middle of an academic school year. Such a situation is seen as a hardship due to how crucial it is for PCVs to fully-integrate and gain the respect of their community, a process which calls for enduring amounts of patience, resilience, and persistence on a daily basis. Tom's exceptional ability to successfully integrate into two communities, differing largely in dialect and lifestyle, is a clear indicator of his ability to work with others and resilient character.

Tom's roles in Andavadoaka showed parallels to his initial Education assignment, however, required him to stress health-related topics. While living in Andavadoaka Tom worked with the marine conservation NGO, Blue Ventures. He specifically assisted in Blue Venture's community outreach health program, by facilitating educational events and increasing accessibility of basic sanitation and family planning methods and materials. Tom's capability to transfer his set of skills acquired in Madagascar as an English teacher to a Health Educator allowed him to have an impactful effect in a short amount of time within the new location. His project's consistently pushed for sustainability and continuity, attempting to prevent deterioration upon his departure at the End of Service.

Thomas Jubert was an exceptionable Peace Corps Volunteer, consistently displaying valuable characteristics while presented with trying challenges. Tom's determination, enduring work ethic, and camaraderie are permeable through all of his undertakings. I hold no trepidations in my recommendation for Thomas and strongly believe he will excel in whatever line of work he embarks upon.

If you have further questions or would like any additional information regarding Thomas Jubert please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

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