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To whom it may concern

I am writing to express our unwavering support for Learning Differences Aotearoa Trust and the invaluable work they do to promote understanding and acceptance of learning differences in our community. Their mission to empower children and adults through tailored tools, resources, and strategies aligns deeply with our shared goal of fostering a more inclusive and supportive environment for all.

At Number 10 Southland Youth One Stop Shop, we have been privileged to partner with Learning Differences Aotearoa Trust in several meaningful ways. Under the guidance of their founder, Chris Cole, we successfully attained the Dyslexia Friendly Quality Mark, a significant milestone for our organization. Chris has also delivered comprehensive Dyslexia and Neurodiversity training to our staff, equipping us with the knowledge and skills to better serve neurodiverse rangatahi. Additionally, Chris collaborated with us to develop a staff resource on working with dyslexic young people, further enhancing our capacity to support our community effectively.

Recently, we partnered with Learning Differences Aotearoa Trust to deliver a workshop for professionals on recognizing neurodiversity that may present as anxiety. This initiative was met with resounding positive feedback, demonstrating the critical need for their expertise in bridging gaps in understanding and care.

The impact of this partnership cannot be overstated. Their resources and guidance have empowered us to refer clients and their families for further support, ensuring they receive the specialized help they need. Chris's profound knowledge and dedication continue to be an integral part of our practice, enabling us to approach the needs of neurodiverse young people with greater empathy and effectiveness.

Learning Differences Aotearoa Trust provides a vital service to our community, helping individuals embrace their unique strengths and challenges. Their work builds resilience, self-belief, and a sense of belonging, which are essential components of a thriving, inclusive society.

We wholeheartedly support their ongoing efforts and believe they are a cornerstone of the support network for neurodiverse individuals and their families. Their contributions to our community are immeasurable, and we strongly encourage any support that furthers their mission.

Yours sincerely,

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