



HALIFAX ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING

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Ensuring a future for citizens with an intellectual disability

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To whom it may concern,

RE: Hinchinbrook Farm

During the summer of 2013, I had the opportunity to visit Hinchinbrook Farm with a group of 16 people who were taking part in our Life/Works! Independent Living and Pre-Employment Skills Program. The trip to Hinchinbrook Farm in Blockhouse for horse riding and horse therapy was a highlight of our program. I was very impressed with their program and staff/volunteers (and horses).

The lead instructor Patricia McGill was a great help to me in planning our trip so that we could maximize the benefits to all of the youth and young adults with intellectual disabilities who took part. Patricia and the volunteer helpers on the day of our visit (Jennifer, Sarah, and Fernanda) were fantastic. Clearly, the horses and everyone involved with Hinchinbrook are very well trained and love what they do.

The Halifax Association for Community Living is a grass-roots, family-based, charitable organization with 60 years experience serving persons living with intellectual disabilities and their families in Halifax Regional Municipality. HAACL helps individuals with intellectual disabilities to gain independence and to engage in community life, with or without supports.

I would strongly recommend Hinchinbrook Farm. In fact, I have already referred a number of clients and families of the Halifax Association for Community Living to the farm and am pleased that 3 have already taken part in horse therapy at the farm.

All the best,

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