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To whom it may concern:

Please accept this letter of support for Hinchinbrook Farm and the ongoing programming they offer to support families and young children with autism and other developmental disabilities.

I am the Regional Director for the two early intervention programs located in the South Shore region of Nova Scotia. Our program offers direct support to families of children, birth to school entry, who have delays in their development. Over the past several years, we have had many families on our early intervention caseload who have chosen to participate in the various programs offered through Hinchinbrook Farm such as Horse Boy, family farm days and camps, therapeutic riding and social play dates. Through both individual and group sessions, families and their children with special needs have experienced social and sensory based play activities that have positively impacted all areas of the child's development.

In the safe and supported environment of Hinchinbrook Farm, under the watchful directions of Patricia McGill, families have found a fun and exciting way to engage their children in developmentally appropriate activities. Patricia's willingness to include other team members and service providers who are also supporting the child and family has allowed for a great collaborative approach to meeting everyone's needs and goals.

I am happy to support the ongoing efforts of Hinchinbrook and their programming opportunities that benefit children with developmental delays in our region.

Sincerely yours,

Denise Lowe Whynot, Regional Director