

March 30, 2017

To whom it may concern:

I had the privilege of mentoring Olivia Rix for her preschool practicum for the 2015-2016 school year at the Logan Square site of Christopher House. Christopher House is a nonprofit organization that works with low income children and their families. She came weekly during the fall semester to conduct observations. In the spring, Olivia came to my classroom four mornings a week. She supported my team and me with interactions with the children during choice time throughout the semester. She planned some small group activities for the children and conducted observations. She successfully completed a two week takeover of the classroom assuming the responsibilities for planning and conducting large group, small group and choice time activities.

During her time in my room, Olivia consistently conducted herself in a professional and courteous manner with me, my team, the children and their families. She was open to suggestions for growth. She demonstrated a solid knowledge of child development and was able to design activities for my students that were engaging. Olivia demonstrated a strong interest in integrating the arts into children's learning. She planned a study around friendship that was engaging and meaningful for my students and left us with a class book where each student was able to discuss the meaning of friendship and name a friend and draw a picture of a friend. The children enjoyed looking at that book long after she left our classroom.

I found Olivia to be reliable in her attendance and proactive in communicating issues, questions or concerns. I enjoyed having her in my classroom and feel that she will be an asset to any organization that hires her.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Glenna V. Jakush', written over a horizontal line.

Glenna V. Jakush, MS.ECE

Master Teacher, Christopher House Logan Square

Email: glennajakush@gmail.com

Phone: 773-791-8448