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December 15, 2009

To Whom It May Concern

This is a letter of recommendation for Jeff Havens. Jeff brought the "Uncrapify Your Life!" seminar to Michigan Works! Berrien, Cass Van Buren in December 2009. As the Human Resources Coordinator, whenever I bring in a speaker I am always "taking a chance" as to their appropriateness and ability to deliver a quality message to the staff. Jeff more than delivered on both fronts. Rarely do we have a speaker or trainer that not only lives up to his billing; but surpasses it.

Jeff presented to our full staff (100+ people) for more than an hour and kept them engrossed the entire time. This is nothing short of a miracle when dealing with any group of people. Our staff was very impressed and made many positive comments to me.

I planned this event on very short notice and Jeff was more than willing to work with me and accommodate my schedule. He was flexible, professional and simply a delight to work with. I was pleasantly surprised by every aspect of my interaction with Jeff – but most off all by the fact that he was genuinely interested in who we were as a group and the services that we provide as an organization.

I would not hesitate to encourage anyone that has an opportunity to bring a speaker like Jeff Havens to their organization to do so immediately. I would further encourage anyone that would like to validate my recommendation, or get more specific feedback to contact me at 269-927-1064 or smithk@miworks.org.

Sincerely,


Kim Smith
Human Resources Coordinator

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Midwest Election Officials Conference

Iowa ☆ Kansas ☆ Missouri ☆ Nebraska

December 17, 2009

Jeff Havens
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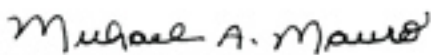
Dear Jeff:

We would like to thank you for your informative presentation at the Midwest Election Officials Conference in Overland Park recently. We feel it is important for our county election officials to have the opportunity to hear information affecting their profession first hand.


We are pleased to announce the attendance at this conference exceeded our expectations with approximately 300 people from the four states in attendance. Each of us has heard from many of those attending that this was one of the best conferences they had ever attended. Your presentation greatly helped with that success.

We hope you were able to make it home without too much trouble after the storm. Again, thank you for your support of this conference. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,


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January 5, 2010

Jeff Havens
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Dear Jeff:

I want to thank you for your excellent motivational talk at the Midwest Election Officials Conference on December 9, 2009, in Overland Park, Kansas.

I was very impressed with how you mixed humor with your serious message. You did a great job of reaching the conference participants, and they in turn connected well with you. The participants left the session with smiles on their faces and thought-provoking ideas in their minds.

Your presentation was a great way to conclude the conference.

As you can imagine, organizing such a multi-day conference is logistical challenge with many headaches. Our conference organizer reports that you were a dream to work with and lightened her load considerably.

Thank you for your vital contribution to the success of our conference.

Sincerely,



John A. Gale
Nebraska Secretary of State



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September 4, 2009

Jeff Havens
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Dear Jeff:

Awesome! Awesome! Awesome! What a fabulous way to "launch" a conference! I am a big fan of using laughter and humor to deliver significant messages. Most people take themselves and their environments way too seriously. So, when I saw you perform at a recent Showcase, I knew within seconds that you were "my man." You could lighten up my crowd and send them into the conference week feeling high and ready to have fun learning.

I have heard many humorous motivational speakers over the years, but I find you to be the most original and refreshing. Your exaggerated examples of opposite behavior to what would be acceptable in the workplace demonstrate how ridiculous some of our common communication rituals are. But you also use these examples clearly to help individuals improve their communication skills with coworkers. You cause the audience to laugh at not only you but themselves as well.

Your presentation is side-splitting! You don't miss a beat. You were a HUGE HIT in Fort Worth! I would recommend you enthusiastically and without reservation!

Sincerely,

Linda Bryant
Executive Director