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To Whom It May Concern

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Blue River Support Services

I am writing this letter to express support for the work Blue River is doing with disadvantaged young people including care leavers and ex-offenders in the West Midlands. We strongly believe that Blue River's projects are aligned with the needs of vulnerable young people in the community.

Based on my experience of working with vulnerable young people, I believe that Blue River's work will:

- Support vulnerable young people into education and employment, improving the future prospects and quality of life
- Address issues faced by minority ethnic and Muslim young people that may lead to re-offending, thus reducing the risk of re-offending
- Support young people who are going through difficult periods of transition, such as young ex-offenders, care leavers and newly arrived unaccompanied minors
- Provide positive activities for disadvantaged young people, supporting them to stay away from crime and rehabilitating those who have been involved in crime

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- Support young people to gain a combination of accredited qualifications and independent living skills, allowing them to become more effective, contributing citizens

I am confident that Blue River's work will improve outcomes for young disadvantaged people in the West Midlands and I will continue to work with Blue River to ensure the success of their projects.

Please take this letter as formal confirmation of my support for Blue River Support Services.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Evans', written in a cursive style.

Councillor Jerry Evans