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To Whom it May Concern:

We met Ms. Tracy Andersen at Pan American School of Porto Alegre (PAS), Brazil in 2015 when she moved to Porto Alegre with her husband, Mr. Mateo Rodríguez Castro. Tracy and Mateo are a teaching couple at our international school, with Tracy teaching grade five and Mateo teaching kindergarten.

Tracy is a very positive and active person, bringing new ideas not only to the classroom, but to the school community as well. With her students, she idealized, planned, and executed the first PAS Dance for Kindness, an international Flash Mob to promote kindness throughout the world. It was the first time Porto Alegre hosted an event such as this and it was a huge success with a high turnout of students, parents, teachers, and staff.

Tracy is the fifth grade teacher for our son, Eric. He always spoke highly of Ms. Tracy when we talked about school, homework, and studies. Eric looked forward to going to school each day, not only to meet with his friends, but to learn with his favorite teacher. Eric commended her for her patience and interest in all of the students. Other parents in the PAS community also express their appreciation and admiration for Tracy as she works with their children.

As parents, we found Tracy to be available and flexible with our time schedules. She explained in detail where Eric could improve and how we, as parents, could help in the process. We found her comments useful, not only for Eric, but for our other two children.

Tracy and Mateo chose Porto Alegre as their home. They actively learned Portuguese and explored our Brazilian culture. At informal meetings or during school activities she would enthusiastically speak of her outings, not only in our local community, but throughout Brazil as well.

We wish Tracy and Mateo all the best for their future personal and professional life; we can confidently say that Tracy and Mateo are a wonderful addition to any school community.

Sincerely,

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