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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great enthusiasm and support that I provide this letter of endorsement for Dr. Susan Lawrence's and Mr. David Mashore's *Creating a Healing Society* program.

Susan and Dave presented this program at my *Creativity and Madness* continuing professional education course in Maui. *Creativity and Madness*, a well-established and highly regarded continuing medical educational program, is offered several times each year at a variety of locations around the world. Attendees are successful, highly educated, and innovative medical professionals, such as physicians, mental health professionals, nurses, and substance abuse providers. They have the highest expectations for the presenters and the course material at *Creativity and Madness*, and they absolutely loved Susan and Dave's powerful, inspiring, and thought-provoking *Creating a Healing Society* program. "They changed the way I view the world!" one participant remarked. "They present it [the impact of unhealed human trauma as the root cause of societal and world problems] in such a way that it makes perfect sense.

Here are more attendee comments:

- Riveting cross-cultural examination of its foundation. Individualization. This presentation is much of what I was hoping that all of this conference would be. Brilliant process insight.
- Excellent presentation. With a more personal "heart felt" connection to material and people.
- New, enlightening, powerful!
- I hope this can be presented again at future programs.

- Revolutionary, great, useful!
- This area was extremely well presented. A further expansion of the concepts would be welcome. Perhaps a second presentation at another workshop.

The level of interest and enthusiasm among the attendees was so high that I asked Susan and Dave to offer an optional informal discussion group on the concepts they presented in *Creating a Healing Society*. This, too, was well-attended and extremely well-received.

I am delighted to say that Susan and Dave were once again presenters at *Creativity and Madness* in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and I look forward to continuing to have them at other courses in the future. Having Susan and Dave's *Creating a Healing Society* program for your conference, group, or organization will greatly enhance the experience of your participants, who will be talking about what they learned at your event for months to come!

Please feel free to contact me if I can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,



Barry Panter, M.D.



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May 15, 2007

Dear Susan and Dave,

I wanted to write to you and thank you for your many visits to Antelope Valley College to present your Creating a Healing Society program. Your efforts in my classroom, and during seminars and flexible calendar presentations, are greatly appreciated.

Consistently my students have expressed their gratitude for having attended the presentation. I always ask them to review the program and I wanted to share with you some of their comments.

"It was an amazing presentation. I want to be part of this, actually...I feel like this is what I've been needing! PLEASE LET ME JOIN YOUR FORCES."

"It really gave me something to think about. It opened a different door of thinking."

"It all makes sense now."

"Moving, touching, and enlightening. Helping the world begins with me!"

As you can see, many of them comment that they have gained insight, understanding and a new perspective into not only their own lives, but to the causes of problems within our society. This is wonderfully refreshing to me as an instructor, as I believe that one of the main goals of education is to help open people's minds to new ideas and different viewpoints. Thank you so much for your availability and willingness to share with the college community. I look forward to working with you often in the future.

Sincerely,

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great enthusiasm that I offer this letter of recommendation for Dr. Susan Lawrence's and Mr. David Mashore's *Creating a Healing Society* program.

At a recent continuing medical education session for the physicians at Encino-Tarzana Regional Medical Center, Dr. Lawrence gave a fascinating talk on the effects of unhealed human trauma as the driving force of societal problems, including the serious issues faced by our healthcare system. This cutting edge information was presented in a dynamic yet accessible manner, and gave our physicians a unique and revolutionary new way to look at not only individual patient care, but also at our entire system of healthcare. Dr. Lawrence provided simple suggestions, which physicians could easily incorporate into their practices, to address the often hidden but critically important role of unhealed trauma in the lives and health of their patients.

Our physicians have large and demanding practices, which often limits the time they can spend at continuing educational sessions. I was extremely pleased to see that the audience members remained for Dr. Lawrence's entire presentation, which was then followed by an enthusiastic question and answer session. The program evaluation forms showed that all respondents rated the program as "outstanding," and of great practical use in their care of patients.

I highly recommend the *Creating a Healing Society* program for any conference, continuing education program, or other venue for health care professionals. We hope to have Dr. Lawrence (and her colleague Mr. Mashore) back to Encino-Tarzana Regional Medical Center to provide additional, perhaps more in-depth, presentations.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,



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Re: Appreciation

We want to thank Susan Lawrence and Dave Mashore for presenting the Creating a Healing Society workshop for our community.

When I first sat through the workshop at the annual conference on violence in San Diego, CA, my first thoughts were "I need this workshop in San Carlos so my fellow tribesmen can hear the same message I'm hearing."

Our department deals with trauma with children and families and I wanted my staff and our clients to hear and experience what I learned about trauma and making a difference in our community.

As human beings we deal or have dealt with trauma in our lives due to loss of a loved one, physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, etc., and the underlying pain that lingers within. The workshop helped our client's awareness of trauma and understanding the concepts.

Our clients enjoyed the presentation and wanted more information they can share with their families.

Educating our clients, our staff and our community is the key factor to bringing awareness of trauma and the key to healing our community.

We hope to make a difference in San Carlos.

Thank you Susan and Dave for your presentation to our community.

Sincerely,



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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to provide this letter of endorsement for *Creating a Healing Society*, a program developed by Dr. Susan Lawrence and Mr. David Mashore.

Susan and Dave's program was highly recommended to me by a community member who had participated in their workshop at the Texas HIV Connection Outreach Workers conference. I invited Susan and Dave to present their program at Triangle AIDS Network's 19th Annual AIDS Update in Beaumont, Texas on October 4, 2006.

I was very impressed by their *Creating a Healing Society* program, as were many of the conference attendees, who enthusiastically wanted this profoundly moving and innovative presentation brought to the area again. Faculty members from Lamar University's Department of Social Work who attended the conference requested to have a *Creating a Healing Society* program at their institution. I have invited Susan and Dave to be presenters once again at our annual conference to be held on October 15, 2008, and hope to coordinate a program for Lamar University while they are in Beaumont.

Creating a Healing Society is a program that will not only educate and inspire your attendees, but enable them to greatly enhance their skills in working with patients, clients, co-workers and supervisors. I recommend Susan and Dave as presenters at your conference for a professional, powerful, and inspirational program that participants will remember for years to come.

Please feel free to contact me if I can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

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February 27, 2006

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Mr. David Mashore, Dr. Susan Lawrence and the "Creating a Healing Society" program they presented at the 2005 Street Outreach Workers Conference. The conference was created to help bridge a gap in educational and self-care opportunities for street outreach workers. The level of experience and education for our participants varies but we have found that they really benefit the most from interactive styles of teaching. This can present a bit of a challenge when recruiting speakers and is one of the reasons we were so excited to learn about Mr. Mashore and Dr. Lawrence's workshop!

Their program helped our participants gain an understanding of how societal problems, including substance abuse and HIV, are an underlying factor in high-risk behavior through a participatory activity. This hands-on exercise utilizing collage as a mode to communicate feelings was extremely well received and a perfect fit for our attendees. Below are some of their comments:

Effective teaching method, great presentation!

I will bring this to people I work with so they can share this with our clients to encourage and facilitate a deeper understanding of the source of the issues (we) they face.

A great workshop, make it grow around the world!

The idea of having us create and present our projects enhanced the workshop. Thanks.

Real life knowledge/experience - very enjoyable presentation!

Made me think about how people think and the way that they may need help and a way to talk to them.

Helped me personally work through difficult life issues so I will better relate to clients with similar issues.

With such a positive response to this program and the presenters, we have invited Susan and Dave back to present again at the 2006 conference! Please feel free to contact me for further feedback or for a full copy of the participant evaluation summary report.

Sincerely,


Monica Maher
Events Director

