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To Whom It May Concern:

I had the pleasure of having Maureen Lortie and Tal Taubenfeld in my employ the previous summer as co-Directors of Circus. Island Lake is a children's summer camp where we place a premium on warm, nurturing staff members. We also have a very large circus program with two flying trapezes, multiple fabrics, Spanish webs, lyra, static and swinging trapezes, a teeterboard, and Russian swing along with various other acts.

Hiring them was the best decision I made in that off season. They brought an energy to that building that hadn't been there in quite some time. The staff who worked under them enjoyed their managerial skills. Most of the staff who came had no background in circus whatsoever. Maureen & Tal spent two weeks training them and they were fantastic.

The kids who chose circus activities thrived and improved drastically in their skills. The smiles on the children's faces when I walked into the building told the story. The program was also safe and we had no injuries of significance all summer long.

I have had circus professionals work in my camp for nearly three decades. Maureen and Tal brought it to a new level. The best indication that I was pleased with their performance was that I invited them back for next summer and I truly hope they return.

Sincerely,

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Matt Stoltz
Director