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Letter of Recommendation for Allyson Souza

I am truly honored to have been asked to write a recommendation for Allie Souza. Allie has played on my travel soccer team for the past 6 years. I clearly remember Allie coming to the team her very first year, wide eyed and eager to learn a new sport. From the very first practice there were several special qualities that jumped out.

Allie's natural athleticism was very obvious, but her instincts and her ability to learn and absorb a lot of information in a short amount of time was what was most impressive to me. Allie took to soccer like she had been playing the sport for years. She quickly became the top player on the team, and just as impressively, became a leader on the team. Allie's instincts and ability to be one step ahead of her teammates and opposition were truly amazing to me. These skills, and Allie's personality, made Allie a natural team leader. Some kids (and adults) try to be leaders, and to others, like Allie, it just comes naturally. The other girls on the team quickly realized that Allie was a teammate in the truest sense of the word. Allie leads by example, and is fiercely competitive on the field, which breeds respect and admiration among Allie's peers. It is very unusual to be able to have an intense desire to win and succeed on the field, and have the ability to put the game behind you when the game is over, and move on to tackle the next task.

When someone can combine outstanding leadership traits, and being a superb athlete, that is when you know you have something special. Allie is truly special in so many ways.

I've spoken mostly about Allie's athletic prowess and leadership skills, but Allie's good nature and innate kindness is what draws people, kids as well as adults, to her. She has a quick smile, a sharp wit, and a upbeat personality that makes people want to be around her. Whether it is on the soccer field, or just around school or town, it always brings a smile to my face when I see Allie. It is very clear that Allie's personality is contagious, and her teammates feed off of that.

I am consistently impressed and amazed how Allie is able to juggle so much and excel at most everything that she takes part in. Whether it is school, soccer, basketball, softball, or socially, Allie throws herself into these activities and gives 100%, and strives to succeed, and because of her work ethic and natural gifts, she almost always does.

I've been coaching youth soccer in Stamford for 15 years, and can count on one hand the girls who have the qualities, both on and off the field, that Allie possesses. It truly has been an honor for me to be able to coach an athlete and person like Allie Souza.

I consider myself lucky to have had the opportunity to spend so much time around Allie, and watch her grow and mature before my eyes.

Sincerely,



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