



The Great Lakes Gabriel Project
St. Mary Gabriel Project
Wooster, Ohio 44691

Kent State University College and Graduate School
of Education, Health, and Human Services
Emeriti Faculty Scholarship

February 14, 2015

Dear Emeriti Faculty Scholarship Selection Committee:

I write in support of the application of Phyllis C. Jadosh for the Kent State University Emeriti Faculty Scholarship. I have known Phyllis for the two years she has volunteered with the St. Mary Gabriel Project in Wooster, Ohio, an affiliate of the Great Lakes Gabriel Project.

The Gabriel Project is an outreach offering immediate and practical help to women and families facing crisis pregnancy. The Gabriel Project, at the woman's initiation, establishes a personal relationship, providing mentoring, friendship, emotional, and spiritual support. Working with other social service agencies, Gabriel Project volunteers advocate for the women and families they support, assisting them in obtaining housing, education, and material resources they need. The Gabriel Project does not charge for its services and does not discriminate in providing services because of race, creed, color, national origin, age, or marital status.

Throughout her time with the Gabriel Project, Phyllis has been a highly valued contributor to our efforts in Wooster and Wayne County. With her background in advocating for children she has fostered, Phyllis came to the Gabriel Project with the personal and professional skills already established to begin making an immediate difference in the lives of the women we serve. She has several attributes that distinguish her efforts: thorough knowledge of the ever-shifting array of social service providers; a willingness to assist and teach a client to navigate an unfamiliar system; creativity in finding new solutions to unique or intractable problems; a willingness to persevere in the face of obstacles; the ability to effectively coach a client to surmount ingrained habits that limit her progress; and a depth of compassion that sustains her efforts. Additionally, Phyllis brings to the Gabriel Project a finely honed ability to communicate and a strong willingness to share her knowledge with other volunteers. She has regularly

produced comprehensive written updates, and routinely offers verbal input during our meetings to discuss the women we are assisting, either as a formal presentation or thoughtful suggestions.

Phyllis is tremendous asset to the Gabriel Project, as she would be to any endeavor she undertakes. Receipt of the Emeriti Faculty Scholarship would rightly acknowledge her past commitment and excellence in working with the under-privileged and under-served, as well as support her endeavors to further equip herself for future contributions.

I strongly support Phyllis Jadosh's application for the Emeriti Faculty Scholarship.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Dugan Wood". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and legible.

Mary Dugan Wood
Co-Coordinator, St. Mary Gabriel Project
Wooster, Ohio