

October 10, 2016

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Tamara Remington and I am a detective with the Sheboygan Police Department. I have been in law enforcement for over 21 years. Prior to my 11 years at Sheboygan Police Department, I was a police officer with San Jose Police Department in San Jose, California for over 10 years. I have been a Field Training Officer, Gang Detective and a School Resource Officer.

It was during my time as a School Resource Officer at Sheboygan South High that I had the opportunity to first learn of and meet Char Specht Pachniak, Founder of "Horizons 4 Girls". While working as a police officer in the school, I recognized the immense need for someone/a service for many of our juvenile females who were running away, associating with gangs, experimenting with drugs, getting involved in prostitution etc...

As a School Resource Officer, I would intervene the best I could and bond with these children, as would the school counselors, teachers, social workers and other school staff. We attempted to reach out to their parents/guardians/families and offered workshops/education, but we often encountered obstacles or opposition.

I realized the need for someone who specifically works with the girls, to help them develop a positive self-image and realize their worth and someone who would invest time in these girls' lives, to help guide them and educate them in aspects of life that they sometimes didn't learn from parents/guardians. Someone who can build a trusted bond with the girls and someone the girls feel safe turning to in a time of need.

This need was further filled when Char Pachniak founded "Horizons 4 Girls". I have witnessed Char working with girls, and she goes above and beyond, often giving her personal time and her time off to be able to consistently provide guidance and be a trusted support for the girls.

I have handled multiple Human Trafficking cases, and some involve child victims. Char took it upon herself to meet with me to educate herself about the Human Trafficking signs and trends occurring in our community, potentially reaching some of her clients/girls. I was highly impressed with her drive, passion and desire to help guide the girls, as well as her ability to bond with the girls and her commitment to put these girls first when so many others do not.

Char is one of the most positive forces in many girls' lives and I appreciate all that she does for our community. Char truly does live up to her quote for her business, "Helping young women navigate life's road map".

Char finds out healthy interests and possible careers the girls would like to seek out, and she helps link the girls with people in various compatible fields so the girls can get a look into that career. She has arranged multiple meetings between some girls and myself to discuss a career in law enforcement to those that might be interested in pursuing that path in the future. She assists the girls in projects and community outreach to help build confidence and life skills.

I look forward to continuing to work with Char and "Horizons 4 Girls" and empowering the young women of our community.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tamara Remington". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Tamara Remington