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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to share with you that **Ms. Rachael Lawrence** has completed four weeks of volunteering during September and October of 2015 at Projects Abroad Argentina's Law & Human Rights Office.

Our goal in this office is to educate and empower vulnerable children, adolescents, adults and communities in regards to their fundamental human rights, focusing on the promotion and prevention from abuses. Our office internal functioning is divided in three areas: Social, Legal and Monitoring. Every volunteer has as a role and tasks -general and specifics shared assignments- to contribute to each one of this areas with different assignments and work.

During the time spent with us **Ms. Lawrence** was involved actively in the places and with the vulnerable people that we work with. As a volunteer her goals were to learn about the different communities we are influencing, to study preset legal and/or social frames and to come with new ideas for improving what we have been doing and what we have in store.

In order to fulfill her goals **Ms. Lawrence** has worked with different groups of people, correctional institutions, disadvantaged communities, homeless and peripheral neighborhoods, as you can see below in more detail.

Youth

CECAM is a correctional facility social-educationally oriented. This institution receives young women that committed or presumably committed a crime when they need accompaniment and their families are not strong enough to contain them.

SOAJE and *QUISQUI* are institutions for girls aged 8 to 18 who've been taken away from their families because of domestic violence or abuse.

The project carried on in these three institutions is the same and its goal is to help this kids to understand their situation, to know themselves and start making a positive change in their way of thinking that will lead them to a better future. **Ms. Lawrence** participate by planning, preparing, executing and analyzing the results of the weekly activities and interventions in this places, activities that are part of a bigger plan expressed in our Strategic Plan.

Disadvantaged communities and Legal Clinic

G.A.N.A.S., is a foundation that works with homeless people in Cordoba. Our function there is to run a itinerant Legal Clinic, giving them access to information, the justice and ultimately to their rights and social development.

Ms. Lawrence interviewed the homeless to determine their situation, detect their needs and offer them a possible solution. Accompanying the person to do paperwork, if needed.

Blas Pascal and Villa La Tela - peripheral neighborhoods

Legal Clinic. **Ms. Lawrence** was a component of our legal services, attending weekly to our legal clinic sessions opened to address problems and give possible solutions, based on the Argentine legal system. She was part of the Interviews then took a case and ran a research, oftenly giving solutions and accompanying our "clients" to the government or other institutions where they started paperwork to get their rights respected in the end.

Specific tasks. **Ms. Lawrence** was in charge of the Identity Program, detecting candidates who needed help with getting an ID, a basic document similar to the Social Security number that

allows the person to get access to have an Identity but also to the Social services from the Government or even a Work.

She created an internal Handbook about types of Residences in the Argentine Migrations Office among other documents. But the most worthwhile point came when she helped a homeless with paper work at the Provincial Police which lead us to help him effectively by getting a shared-house to live in.

Social and Community Activities

Last but not least she visited the "La Perla" Memorial Center and attended to "La Perla" Trials at the federal court. In this trial perpetrators of the last dictatorship period were judged about crimes against the humanity.

Ms. Lawrence participated in the Blas Pascal Anniversary - Community Day, held in October 3rd as an event to gather the neighbors towards the idea of a joint governance in the upcoming elections to form a Commission in their neighborhood.

Throughout her time in Argentina, **Ms. Lawrence** behaved professionally at the same time that she was sociable, friendly and respectful towards all of her work partners, her host family, the Projects Abroad staff and other volunteers she met. We would like to highlight **Ms. Lawrence** positive attitude towards this experience abroad.

Best regards.



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