



Children's Home and Family Services

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RE: Robert Mitchell

To Whom It Concerns:

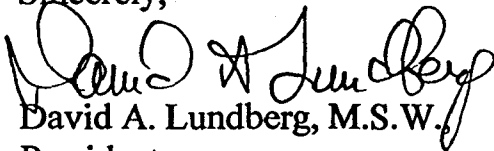
I am writing to affirm the accuracy and integrity of the information found in the manuscript of his life that has been prepared by Mr. Mitchell. I am specifically affirming the information from the years 1969 (June) to 1971 (July).

During that period of time I was employed as a house parent at Covenant Children's Home and Family Services, where Mr. Mitchell resided for about fifteen years. In that role I had close day-to-day contact with him and developed a close relationship, one that continues to this day.

In addition to affirming the accuracy and integrity of the information I can also attest to the integrity of Mr. Mitchell as an individual. The manuscript eloquently addresses the issues he has worked through in his life. I know him today as a person whose values are of the highest caliber. I have been honored to assist him in helping to assure that the manuscript is a true reflection of the events of his life.

If I can be of any assistance in the publishing of the manuscript, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,



David A. Lundberg, M.S.W.
President

Dear Rob,

I am taking this opportunity to write you at a time when we are preparing to close up the buildings and services operated by Covenant Children's Home and Family Services. Since you resided here for 15 years in the 50's, 60's and 70's, and that I was a relief houseparent with you under my "care", a lot of things can be said but there is insufficient time to say too much. But you know how I feel about you.

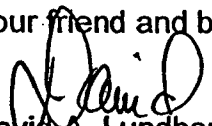
First of all I want to thank you for the generous manner in which you have support the ministry of CCH financially. You have been one of our top donors for many years, and it has been through contributors like you that we have been able to serve some very seriously disturbed young people in recent years who would not have had a chance otherwise. I also know that your financial support came from the heart because you can say that you have "been there". Thank you for your support.

When I first came to CCH in 1969, fresh out of college, to work as a staff member, you became one of my boys. As an immature and selfish 15 year-old young man you thought you knew everything even though you probably felt scared inside. I also felt like I knew everything and I felt scared inside. But God brought us together in a way that only He can.

Now after we were reconnected after I came back to work at CCH in 1986, I can see how God has worked in your life in the intervening years. I was a joy and honor to have spent a weekend with Susan, Alicia, Luke and you two years ago. In some respects you have not changed. Still young looking, exuberant and ambitious. But I clearly saw (and still see) how God has shaped you to be the man you are today, despite a childhood that should have left you sleeping in a cardboard box in some city. Your Christian maturity and leadership qualities command the respect of friends and colleagues. The way that you and Susan have raised your children to be positive, gifted and in love with Jesus Christ.

All of these cause me to rejoice and to say that God made his imprint in your life and that Covenant Children's Home could play a part in your story. May our friendship continue for many more years.

Your friend and brother in Christ,



David A. Lundberg,
Executive Director