

**Girls Incorporated
of New Hampshire**



To Whom It May Concern:

It is a pleasure to write this letter on behalf of Ron King, an artist/architect from Concord who was instrumental in the development and implementation of a unique, grant-funded project offered by Girls Incorporated of New Hampshire.

Due in large part to Mr. King's participation, the program, called "Material Girls," was successfully executed for the first time during Summer 2000. The goals of the program were to:

- Enhance girls' skills and knowledge regarding tools, building materials and design
- Introduce them to non-traditional career tracks in architecture and construction
- Connect them to the community by developing service projects using their acquired skills.

Mr. King facilitated the 6 week program for 12 girls ages 13-15. Although lessons, activities, and discussion topics included tool safety, engineering and design principles, career options, and creative materials, more importantly, with Mr. King's gentle guidance, the girls learned basic life skills. First and foremost were new communication techniques and how to work as a team. In addition, he helped them gain the confidence to set realistic goals, try new things, learn new skills, and accomplish things they never thought possible.

He is persistent in setting high standards and expectations, as evidenced by his initial planning and the final product of any project he undertakes. During the course of planning and implementing the "Material Girls" Program I came to know and admire Mr. King. I have the utmost respect for him on a personal as well as professional level and would recommend him, without hesitation, to anyone interested in undertaking any design or design-build project.

I welcome any further opportunity to sing Mr. King's praises. Please feel free to contact me if additional information is desired.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia A. Barss". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and "A".

Patricia A. Barss, Director
Greater Manchester Region