



September 3, 2013

To: The AFP Philanthropy Award Committee
Re: Nomination of Keys for Hope volunteers in the Youth Cat.(Ages 5-17)
From: Christine Osborne, owner, Wonder Works Toy Stores

Dear AFP Lowcountry Award Committee:

This is a letter of support for the nomination of an outstanding group of local kids who have created the philanthropic organization Keys For Hope. Their mission is to raise money for and awareness of Crisis Ministries, Charleston's homeless shelter and they have succeeded on every level! This dedicated group of kids started this amazing venture several years ago as a project for school but it has turned into so much more. These kids are an inspiration for us all! It has been such a pleasure working with them and seeing their efforts expand to include so many other youth in the community and to see how successful they have been in raising thousands of dollars for the homeless shelter.

As the owner of Wonder Works, I appreciate and admire their entrepreneurial spirit! They have taken and applied this spirit to such a creative, worthy philanthropic endeavor. I have been proud to feature their unique keys in my stores and I love having them participate in our Wonderfest/Kidsfest and annual holiday Elfstravaganza, where they have been in front of thousands of kids and their families throughout Charleston. I also know how important it is to connect with the community and these girls do just that, and then some. In addition to selling keys, they have reached out to schools, churches and youth groups to talk about Crisis Ministries and involve other children in the project by having them make keys. To date they have reached thousands of kids in one way or another, and have raised over \$40,000 for the cause. They are tireless in their efforts and motivated by their desire to help those less fortunate in the community.

I support them 110% and could not be more proud of what they have accomplished. They would absolutely be an outstanding recipient for your new youth philanthropy award. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need more information, 843-364-8127.

Respectfully yours,
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