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To whom it may concern:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Shannon Peck.

Ms. Peck's recent exhibit in our PORTALS space entitled "Your Daughter is in Good Hands" was well researched, powerful and thought provoking.

This textile exhibit was 4 years in the making and it is clearly evident how much time, creativity and energy has been dedicated, resulting in a professional art exhibit, technically, aesthetically and philosophically. The end result left a strong impression as Ms. Peck shared her journey and struggle to reconcile her past as an adoptee. Over 45 textile pieces take the visitor on a social, psychological and spiritual journey shared by approximately 1 in 5 Canadians who have been touched by adoption in some way.

Throughout the 3 week exhibit, Ms. Peck was present daily to speak to visitors, openly sharing her journey and what inspired her to tell her story through the lens of art. Rarely does an exhibit evoke so much emotion. It is not an exaggeration to say that many people left the space changed in some fashion, whether it was simply that they were better informed about the history of adoption with the associated secrecy, shame and guilt so prevalent only a few years ago, or because it touched a personal nerve leading to some healing, realization or reconciliation.

In addition to the positive and powerful impact this show has had, it was a sheer pleasure to work with Ms. Peck at every stage of the process. Her communication leading up to the show was professional as she worked hard to market and plan every detail. Anything I required was promptly delivered and communicated, leading to a seamless and well coordinated process. The show also garnered much media attention and I sincerely hope this helped in creating a momentum to open more doors for Ms. Peck.

I understand it is Ms. Peck's desire to exhibit in other locations, specifically public art galleries throughout British Columbia and hopefully the rest of Canada. I strongly support this goal and would be pleased to assist in any way possible.

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With my thanks to Ms. Peck and best wishes -



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