Good Morning Ted,

Once again the Harvard Club of Southern Connecticut has sent us an extraordinary summer fellow. Rebecca (Becky) Dutton is unequivocally the best college intern I've had the pleasure of supervising here at The Center for Family Justice. Her fellowship with us ends this week and I must say that we are dreading her departure for both personal and professional reasons. She has become that indispensable to our team. A colleague mentioned yesterday that Becky has set the bar so high for our internship program that it will be a challenging standard for future interns and fellows to meet. I could not agree more.

Becky is extremely bright, capable and possesses an exceptional ability to “get it right” the first time. She asks phenomenal questions and her keen curiosity helped her quickly understand our mission of providing crisis and supportive services to victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

We structured Becky’s fellowship so that she could immerse herself two key facets of the nonprofit world. She supported our fundraising-focused Development Team and also worked directly with our impacted clients as a member of our Direct Services Team. This dual approach gave her a chance to develop her insights into what aspects of the nonprofit world appealed to her professionally.

Interestingly, Becky found herself drawn to the Development space. I think she has a bright feature if she ultimately decides to pursue work in nonprofit stewardship.

Some key things Becky accomplished this summer include:

- Completing CFJ’s 40 hour mandated certification training on the dynamics of domestic and sexual violence.
- Helping to pilot a nascent Crisis Navigator volunteer role which engaged her directly with clients in crisis.
- Helping to prepare campers for a summer a Camp HOPE, our camp and mentoring program for children impacted by abuse.
- Helping our Development staff write donor-focused solicitation letters in
support of our annual Speaking of Women luncheon featuring Olympic Gold Medalist Aly Raisman. Becky also was an active and engaged part of our Speaking of Women planning committee.

- Creating a community-education campaign targeted towards Fairfield County physicians who come in contact with victims of domestic and sexual violence.
- Helped us create a social media campaign focused on raising awareness during Domestic Violence Awareness.

The above is the short list. Becky was never above stuffing an envelope or helping us out with the administrative tasks needed to keep our agency running.

I would also like to add on a personal level that Becky is an exceptional young woman and it’s been a joy to get to know her. I loved learning about the hard work and dedication she’s put into her role as goalie for the Crimson Women’s Hockey Team and the tireless commitment has made to juggling the demands of a being an outstanding scholar/athlete.

The Center for Family Justice hopes to maintain a meaningful relationship with Becky for years to come.

We extend our deep appreciation to the Harvard Club of Southern Connecticut for making this fellowship possible.

Warm regards,

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