To Whom It May Concern:

It is truly an honor to be writing this recommendation for Nick Stamm. Michael C. Rothberg had accomplished so much, both in and out of the school environment. His dedication to community service speaks volumes to what kind of integrity and character this young man had. I do believe that Nick Stamm would make you quite proud to be the recipient of the Michael C. Rothberg memorial scholarship.

I am the director of a community based outreach program called TOPSoccer. TOPS is a volunteer run soccer program for young athletes with disabilities. Without committed volunteers, we would not be able to foster this amazing program. Balancing academics, sports, extra curricular activities, community service, and a social life is not an easy task. This is a challenge that Nick does seamlessly.

I first had the honor of meeting this young man 7 years ago. Even at a young age, Nick showed such maturity and kindness. He immediately connected with our athletes of all abilities and ages. Our athletes were immediately drawn to his warm words of encouragement, his endless high fives, and all around kindness. We typically get volunteers that will be kind enough to dedicate one year of community service to TOPS. Nick has been volunteering for the past 7 years and is soon to be embarking on year number 8. We are so fortunate to have this young man with us. He prepares our athletes every year for the Special Olympics, is an one on one coach for a child with special needs, and coaches our friendship tournament. Nick is the only junior coach who has attended the special olympics with us. He shows such dedication, responsibility, maturatity, kindness, and compassion. He always shows up with a contagious smile. We have been running this program in Stoughton for the past 15 years and have been fortunate to have had many amazing junior coach volunteers. Nick stands out as the very best we have ever had. Nick is one that we can place with any player. He is so patient. He tends to be placed with the children who have significant special needs. Watching him on the field and listening to him communicate with our players in such a kind mature way is truly an honor. No matter how many compliments Nick receives from the directors and the parents of players, he remains so humble. He thanks us every time before he leaves the soccer field for having him.

Nick is an amazing, compassionate, dedicated, kind, and mature young man. I have written many recommendations over the years, this one is by far the one I am most honored to write. I believe that he would be the perfect recipient for the Michael C. Rothberg memorial scholarship. He shows such integrity in and out of the classroom environment.

It would be my honor to supply you with any other information you would like regarding Nick.

Sincerely,

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