

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this letter of recommendation as my formal endorsement of Mike Randall, children's entertainer and owner of The Big Blue Trunk children's birthday party business.

I have known Mike for more than the twelve years he's owned and operated The Big Blue Trunk, and even spent some of those years working rather closely with him on the development of the business. What began as something small with just a few parties a year very quickly grew into the success that it is today, primarily as a result of word-of-mouth advertising created by the very happy parents of the ecstatic kids for whom Mike has created birthday parties.

It wasn't long before Mike's name and The Big Blue Trunk became well-known around the state, and he was being asked to provide children's entertainment for such places as the YMCA, The Tyler Place, and The University Mall. I'm very confident that representatives from any of these places, as well as countless parents (and kids!), would happily give Mike glowing recommendations as well.

In addition to witnessing The Big Blue Trunk become one of the most popular names in Vermont when it comes to throwing awesome kids' birthday parties, I watched as Mike (virtually single-handedly) created an amazing, imaginative, and whimsical play space for kids on a small piece of property behind the Allenholm Farm Apple Shed & Petting Paddock in South Hero. Named "Ivydonia," it attracted attention from the Farm's many visitors, and hundreds of kids enjoyed playing music on giant instruments, creating waterfalls with foot pumps, having duck races via a bike-wheel pulley system, and partaking in a slew of other fun activities. Although "Ivydonia" is no longer open for public play, its larger than life, Mike-made sculptures still easily catch the eye of passersby.

As I mentioned, I have known Mike for many years and can say without hesitation that he's one of the most creative, kid-inspiring, positive, happy people I know. Kids (and adults) are drawn to his child-like demeanor and imaginative talents, and he's a great mentor and role model for kids and growing minds. He can make an animal out of a balloon, a giant flower out of a helium tank, and even a car roof rack out of a lawn chair. He also created his very own mascot costume, Marty, from scratch.

It would be very easy to go on and on about Mike's many talents, but hopefully this letter gives you at least a glimpse into his creativity and the happy impact he's had on kids across Vermont and beyond. You would be very wise to include Mike in any kid-focused endeavors you may be considering. He does not disappoint!

Sincerely,

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