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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great enthusiasm that I write this letter of support for DJ JaBig. I had the privilege of watching him work in July 2011 when he so generously donated his time and equipment to deliver a workshop for the youth in Leave Out Violence's (LOVE) summer programs.

The youth that we work with come from all walks of life and each one is unique. It was really remarkable to see how open JaBig was towards them, how he was able to relate and connect directly with each one. As a youth worker for about ten years now, I know that not everyone is capable of doing that. It really takes someone with a special gift.

One thing that struck me and the other coordinators from LOVE was how JaBig was able to take what at first seemed so complicated and turn it into something tangible for the youth. Many of them thought that they would never be able to DJ but he made it possible.

Not only did this workshop teach our youth new skills, help build self esteem and self confidence but DJing is also something that youth are fascinated with and passionate about. It's current and it's different than most of what is out there right now. Anyone who works with youth knows just how vital it is to stay relevant.

I would without a doubt or hesitation recommend this workshop for other youth and other organizations or institutions that work with youth. The youth absolutely loved it and hailed it the "the best workshop of the summer."

Thank you DJ JaBig!

Sincerely,

**Mikaella Goldsmith
Program Coordinator**