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Tara:

This letter is my personal recommendation for Stephen Addona in his quest for a 2019 Scholarship. I have been working in the field of HIV/AIDS with the pharmaceutical industry for the past 23 years. I've been fortunate to have forged a strong business and personal relationship with Stephen.

I can say with great confidence that he is the most impactful person I have met in my many years working with PLWHA! He is passionate about helping others as a Peer and community leader to advocate for the community. Specifically, Stephen has done many things including his leadership of the Re-Start education and support group. In the modern era of HIV, support and education groups are very challenging to keep active. Stephen has not just been able to stay active, but has excelled in creating an atmosphere and group that is helping to fundamentally change the trajectory and view of HIV positive patients in the community.

His Re-Start group brings in people of all ages, ethnicities and genders. In the Orlando area, people of color are often not represented in support groups. Stephen has an incredible impact on that community. His efforts to help the older population maintain a healthy lifestyle is well recognized by the community.

In short, Stephen is unique with his passion and power of persuasion. He uses those talents in order to make an incredible impact on those living with HIV/AIDS. I hope that you will offer him financial assistance to actively participate in the upcoming event so that he can relay the information to his followers in the Orlando area!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Hettenbach", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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