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Dr. Sharon Kennedy
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Dear Dr. Kennedy,

I am pleased to write to you regarding the value Jeff Messer and the Ed-Venture Program brings to our Green County Leaders class. Jeff has provided our incoming class of Green County Leaders with excellent programming as our “Experiential Coordinator” every year for the past six years. Each year he brings new insights and activities to help our students make meaning from direct experience.

As you may know, Green County Leaders is a community leadership program in which individuals from a variety of backgrounds practice leadership skills, deepen their understanding of community issues and prepare for leadership roles, thereby creating a network of individuals committed to the future of Green County. In order to be effective leaders, our students must be motivated, have a clear sense of purpose and communicate exceptionally well. Jeff ensures participants are actively involved in the experience, take time to reflect and then use the new ideas gained from the experience. In this way our participants gain genuine knowledge from Jeff’s approach to experiential learning.

Some of the comments from class members included:

- *Active participation in the activities really allowed the group to see what works and what doesn't in a fun manner*
- *Jeff was great at giving feedback, asking for other's opinions—offering questions*
- *Good teamwork activities*
- *Great—good to have problem-solving puzzles—helps people get to know each other more*
- *Fun and thought-provoking*
- *He did a great job bringing us closer together.*
- *It was a pleasure meeting him and listening to his knowledge and practicing his tactics*
- *Very informative and positive. He makes you think.*

We appreciate Jeff’s contribution to strengthening Green County Leaders. Thank you for your continuing support of Edventure. If you have any questions, please contact me at (608) 328-9441 or cara.carper@ces.uwex.edu.

Sincerely,

Cara Carper
Community Resource Development Educator

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