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To Whom It May Concern:

Earlier this month, I had the esteemed pleasure to be a participant of Maverick Business Adventure's *Young Entrepreneur* presentation in Aspen, Colorado. As a Division Manager for a local non-profit whose mission is to work with what many would call "at-risk youth," I was intrigued and delighted by the invitation and astounded by the straight-talking members of this remarkably down-to-earth group of successful entrepreneurs.

Our young clients, as well as a host of young people from other organizations throughout the Aspen Valley, were engaged for a morning session that is not likely to be forgotten. The message from Maverick's President and founder, Yanik Silver was clear: you can be successful in business (and life) when you pursue your ideas with commitment, passion and integrity.

After conducting my own research on the members of this unusual organization, I discovered that they are ordinary people with exceptional work-ethics, and a commitment to philanthropic opportunities for youth around the world. With a rapid-fire series of "ego-free" success stories, the members of Maverick struck me as role models for aspiring entrepreneurs of all ages. As a life-long educator, I appreciated their emphasis on pursuing higher education for kids. I was equally impressed with the genuine way each member connected with our young participants. Encouraging our youth to imagine unlikely dreams, and framing those ideas in a way that gave them potential for success, was an inspiration to all those present, myself included.

In fact, I was so moved by the authenticity of Maverick's collective advice, I have since approached this eagerly generous organization for counsel on a future fundraising project for YouthZone. Encouraged by Yanik and his innovative team, I have been given a renewed confidence that indeed, anything is possible with the guidance and support from pioneering entrepreneurs and philanthropists such as these.

It is with great pleasure that I join the ranks of countless other organizations who endorse Maverick Business Adventures and their *Young Entrepreneur* program. I further encourage individuals to contact me directly for more information on their professionalism, effective presentation style and genuine interest in serving the young people of your community.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Evan Zislis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

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