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Mr. Robert Mitchener,

Over the years, I've watched your demonstrated commitment to our community's at-risk youth. By leveraging industry and community leaders, professional athletes, entertainers, and entrepreneurs, you have been able to mentor and establish growth and exposure opportunities for our youth.

Focusing on achieving academic success and maintaining high behavior standards, **Our Youth Matters** works to lessen the risk of youth involvement in crime and education disengagement. **Our Youth Matters'** events such as, The Capital City Lawyers' Association Youth Law Day; visits to Cisco Systems; college tours; summer camp programs; leadership academies; and fishing and sporting activities, all introduce youth to opportunities with the purpose of diverting interest in negative activities and destructive behaviors.

My tenure with Wake County Human Services, Child Support Services has offered me the distinct opportunity and pleasure of working alongside others in the development of programming that advances child well-being. Each one of us should examine and ask ourselves; "If not me, who? If not now, when?" Thank you, Robert, for answering the obvious and remembering the enduring words of Nelson Mandela reminding us "*there can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children.*"

I champion your commitment to **Our Youth** and offer a dedication of my time to participation in programs supporting children because it **Matters!**

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Toniko Hicks".

Toniko Hicks, Assistant Division Director
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