



Orange Grove Middle School

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am delighted to recommend Laura Logue for recognition as a "Super Volunteer."

Very often, when there's a job to be done and a volunteer is needed, the "volunteer" is found because everyone else takes one step backward while one person stands still.

Laura is the opposite: she is someone who steps forward. She volunteered to take on a leadership role in our FFO as VP of Fundraising. But the truth is, you will find Laura *everywhere*, at every event, and anytime something is needed. She took on and tackled our annual Pick Up and Unpack - often the first experience that our families have of Orange Grove - and she whipped this bear of an event into shape. Now, when new students arrive, they know exactly where to go. Permission forms are signed. Supplies are collected. Donations roll in. Lines move smoothly, and brand-new sixth graders learn how to master their combination locks without stress. It's completely seamless.

But rewind the clock, behind that successful event, and you'd see Laura showing up days earlier, hauling signs, tables, files, and paperwork around in hundred-plus-degree, humid heat. Rewind it farther, and you'd see her working weeks and weeks ahead mapping out traffic patterns and stations, thinking about ways to make it better, meeting with staff, walking the layout. She gets things done, and done well.

She shows up for smaller things, as well. Helping set up for FFO meetings, or family breakfasts, or staff lunches. When Orange Grove families are in need, she mobilizes our wider community to help. And she is right there with them, lending a hand and finding resources. She is the first to raise her hand, the first to arrive, and the last to leave.

And beyond that, she is a joy to be around. Whenever challenges arise, Laura leaps into action - and she does it all with genuine cheer and a fantastic sense of humor.

Orange Grove is a better place to work and learn because of her unflagging support. She is truly deserving of this honor.

Respectfully,

Mark Rubin-Toles