

To whom it may concern,

The following is a letter of reference for one of the most influential individuals and organizations that has touched my life as an educator in the East Side Union High School District. I have been in education for 19 years at Andrew Hill High School and have taught every group of students. I most enjoy students whom are labeled, "At-Risk". They have an amazing spirit and when they come around, the experience is like no others. Although the time, emotion and effort involved in such endeavors are often exhausting, the reward and outcome is priceless.

Throughout the years I have found that resources to support our most neediest of youngsters is getting less and less, while the need continues to grow. This is why I am so excited about the amazing outreach that Pastor Sonny and The Firehouse do! He and his team have been coming to my "At-Risk" classes at Andrew Hill for two-years now. They offer hope, compassion and a light that no other group, team or program has done! I have witnessed numerous students turn around as a result The Firehouse involvement.

This is an organization and group of people that our community so desperately needs! I can't explain in words what happens to our youngsters once they have been exposed to the vision, support and unconditional love of Pastor Sonny and The Firehouse! They are truly a life changing force that makes our students, community and future stronger and safer! I

Sincerely,



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