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**To whom it may concern**

This asks for your support to enable **Marlon Kahmann** to join Lakeridge High School soccer team and to participate in tournaments and other competition games of the team.

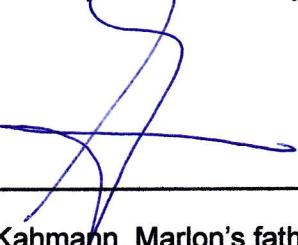
On August 23, 2015 our son Marlon started the exchange program with Partnership International (PI). With the help of this organization he was placed directly at the family of Roland and Christiane Seydel. A few weeks before we became aware of the Seydel family coincidentally through the kind recommendation one of our business contacts in the Portland area. We were very happy that - after passing the thorough check by PI - Marlon was placed with the Seydel family.

With the help of PI, Marlon was registered at the Lakeridge High School in Lake Oswego. Since years, it has been Marlon's strong wish to spend one year at an US High School in order to improve his English language skills, to learn more about the US culture and to personally experience the "American way of life".

As one of several hobbies Marlon plays soccer. In the past years he developed to a reasonably good midfield player. Until recently he played for a youth team of our local soccer club Blau-Gelb Elze close to Hanover, Germany in one of the lower level leagues. The main motivation for Marlon to play soccer is the social aspects of a team and the physical exercise as a balance to his studies.

His interest in soccer was never a main topic during the application process. However, now Marlon would very much like to become an integral member of the Lake Oswego High School soccer team. We can confirm that Marlon neither has the intention (and not the potential) to become a professional soccer player nor to apply for a scholarship. He just wants to be a member of this soccer team. Marlon will only have the chance to become a fully accepted and integrated member if he is also allowed to participate in tournaments and other competitive games.

As Marlon's parents we ask you: Please give Marlon the chance to this!

  
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Uwe Kahmann, Marlon's father

  
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Bettina Kahmann, Marlon's mother