

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter of support for Olivia in hopes that you will allow her to participate in softball this season.

I met Olivia last year when she came to North Valley in the middle of the school year. She was such a nice girl, spunky and full of energy. She worked hard to get good grades, make friends and be a part of North Valley. Because she always had a smile on her face—you would never know how hard she was struggling emotionally to get through each and every day. When school began in September, we noticed she was not herself: it was clear she was struggling with some emotional issues. By early October, these issues and the fallout from those issues landed her in the hospital and then straight to a residential facility/school where they worked to stabilize her enough to send her back to school in January, 2016.

Since returning to North Valley Olivia is working hard, both at school and in therapy to get back on track. Part of Olivia's out-patient therapy involves "wrap-around" sessions in which a group of people she has chosen as her support team, routinely meet with Olivia and a facilitator to address the issues Olivia is struggling with at home and at school. She attends family and individual counseling sessions weekly. With her therapists' permission, the wrap-around sessions have been limited to once a month until softball is over in hopes that the benefits of playing on a team again will increase Olivia's confidence and self-esteem, aiding in her success overall.

Olivia normally gets good grades, attends school regularly and is not a discipline problem in any way. She is slowly but surely finding her way back to solid ground and I believe if Olivia is given this opportunity she will not let us down.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tamara Anderson".

Tamara Anderson, Registrar, North Valley High School