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To Whom It May Concern,

We have had the opportunity to participate in a variety of drum circles facilitated by Jorge Ochoa. As educators within public schools, as parents of a child with autism, and as advocates for the autism cause, we have experienced first hand the positive impact and benefits that participants gain. The drum circle creates a powerful opportunity for joint interaction and self expression that brings enjoyment and lifts the self-esteem of everyone involved – from young to old.

On July 31, 2010, Jorge Ochoa along with the Autism Community Network, the National Autism Association of San Antonio, and Nicky's Promise Pieces, Inc. joined together to host a Community Drum Circle for Autism Awareness. This event was free and open to the community and also served as a place for networking as sharing among families and service agencies. The event was very well attended and the feedback from families was entirely positive and grateful. We hope that this is just the start of an effort to use drum circles both as a means of kinesthetic and powerful intervention for children and adults affected by autism and as a means of bringing the community together to advocate and bring awareness to the autism cause.

On behalf of Nicky's Promise Pieces, Inc. we would highly recommend and support Jorge Ochoa in any endeavor that he undertakes. He is professional, knowledgeable and passionate in his efforts to reach out to the community of San Antonio through his work with TamboRhythms.

Sincerely,

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