



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF NORTHEAST FLORIDA

January 20, 2011

Mr. Cleveland Ferguson, III, Esq.
Jacksonville Alumni Chapter
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
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Dear Mr. Ferguson,

Please accept this document as an endorsement letter for the Jacksonville Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity's application for 2011 Chapter of the Year. Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida (BGCNF) has valued ongoing support from the Jacksonville Alumni Chapter for the past few years.

BGCNF is a community based, nonprofit organization, which serves approximately 3,600 children each year in Duval, Nassau, and St. Johns counties. Our mission is *to enable all young people, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances, to reach their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens*. The agency accomplishes its mission by utilizing more than 40 national programs in five (5) core program areas: (1) character and leadership development, (2) education and career development, (3) health and life skills, (4) the arts, and (5) sports, fitness, and recreation.

Specifically, the Jacksonville Alumni Chapter has afforded incentives for our Club members and their parents. For instance, the Chapter awarded \$500 to purchase gift certificates and children's toys during the Christmas season. They have similarly provided funds to purchase candy and treats for Halloween festivities and to purchase a bouncy house for an end of the year celebration at one of our Clubs.

As a fellow community leader and active member of the local graduate chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, I am aware of the Jacksonville Alumni Chapter's numerous contributions to our community. BGCNF is fortunate to have been selected as a charity of choice and feels privileged to offer this endorsement letter. Congratulations on celebrating your 100th anniversary and best wishes on your application for 2011 Chapter of the Year. Should you have any questions and/or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (904) 396-4435.

Sincerely,

Shannon H. Perry, Ph. D.
President

