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Dear Dr. Sroka,

On October 20-21, 2004, Kennesaw State University and the State of Georgia's Department of Human Resources' (DHR), Division of Adolescent Health and Youth Development held a statewide abstinence conference titled "*Georgian's Promoting Abstinence: A Community Collaborative*". One purpose of the conference was to increase awareness of the importance of sexual abstinence in protecting youth from the dangers of early sexual activity and the risk of acquiring sexually transmitted diseases. According to the results of the formal evaluation completed last week, the conference was a huge success. Two hundred forty-eight professionals, parents, and other interested people from all parts of Georgia took the opportunity to network with each other as they attended breakout sessions and keynote addresses by experts in the field of abstinence.

Thank you so much for the huge amount of work you put into the conference including giving a keynote address, facilitating a breakout session, and attending the conference for the full two days. All of the participants enjoyed your keynote address, *The Power of One*. People left the presentation motivated to create abstinence programs, but more important, to help youth live up to their potential. All who attended praised your additional two-hour breakout session, *The M&Ms of Abstinence Education*. Your talent and gift for working with youth is evident in all that you do. Finally, it was a pleasure to have you stay and support the conference as you did. Your presence continued to inspire participants. Again, on behalf of Kennesaw State University and the Georgia Department of Human Resources, Division of Adolescent Health, thank you for your time and effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne".

Anne Hicks-Coolick, Ph.D.
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