

To whole it may concern:

I am writing to attest to the character of Josie Guerrero. I have had the pleasure of knowing Josie since we were kids. We met around the age of 12/13 years old. I am one year older than her and we went to schools together. She has always been someone you can count on, someone who would care for you in any way she could. She is who you call when you need a shoulder, advice, a good laugh or just a pick me up.

Josie had a hard life growing up. Her mother had tendencies to be abusive which I had witnessed first hand one night at a sleep over when we were I was 13 and she would have been 12. Her mother had left us home alone and we snuck out. When we got back her mother had come home before us earlier and when we were not there she left again. When she got back after we had returned she was furious and used a hammer to break down Josies bedroom door then once through the door she started to attack Josie with that same hammer. This was traumatic for me and especially for Josie. Through the years she had continued to endure what I can best describe as psychological abuse and I am sure there was likely more physical abuse beyond what I witnessed that night. To this day she continues to be targeted and harassed by her mother. All of which causes her heartbreak and distress like anxiety. Despite all of this I have witnessed Josie do her absolute best to provide a loving and nurturing home for her young son. He is a happy loving boy. And it is so clear to see he is her absolute world. She is a wonderful mother despite all of the challenges she has faced. I am confident that anyone who spends any amount of time with her would also see this. Raising children in general is hard. Raising children with special needs is even harder. When you add in a factor of her own mother being toxic and doing anything possible to harass and try to intimidate her, I cant imagine the stress that would cause. But Josie is resilient and still shows that she can stay consistent with her sons needs and care.

Best,

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