

September 12, 2013

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Tamara Remington and I am a detective with Sheboygan Police Department. I have been in law enforcement for over 18 years. Prior to my 8 years at Sheboygan Police Department, I was a police officer with San Jose Police Department in San Jose, California for over 10 years. I have been a Field Training Officer, a Gang Detective and a School Resource Officer.

It was during my time as a School Resource Officer at Sheboygan South High that I had the opportunity to first learn of and meet Char Specht Pachniak, Founder of "Horizons 4 Girls". While working as a police officer in the school, I recognized the immense need for someone/ a service for many of our juvenile females who were making bad choices/dangerous choices, associating with gangs, experimenting with drugs, running away, getting involved in prostitution etc...

As a School Resource Officer, I would intervene the best I could and bond with these children, as would the school counselors, teachers, social workers etc... We attempted to reach out to their parents/guardians/families and offered workshops/education, but we often encountered obstacles or opposition.

We realized the need for someone who specifically works with girls, to help them develop a positive self-image and realize their worth and someone who would invest time in these girls' lives, to help guide them and educate them in aspects of life that they never learned from their parents/guardians. Someone who can build a trusted bond with the girls and someone the girls feel safe turning to in a time of need.

This need was filled when Char Pachniak founded "Horizons 4 Girls". I have witnessed Char working with girls, and she goes above and beyond, often sacrificing her personal time/time off to be able to provide guidance and a trusted support for the girls.

I have handled multiple Human Trafficking cases, and some involve child victims. Two of the cases have gone Federal, and during these investigations we realized that we don't have adequate resources in Sheboygan for the many victims of this horrendous crime. I am thankful to have as one of my trusted resources to address these child victims' needs, Char Pachniak. I don't know what I would have done without Char's assistance in helping to provide a safe, trusted environment for the girls to start the healing process and learn life skills and stay out of harm's way and away from predators/traffickers.

Char took it upon herself to meet with me to educate herself about the Human Trafficking situations occurring in our community and affecting some of her clients/girls. I was highly impressed with her

drive, her passion and desire to help/guide girls, her ability to bond with the girls and her commitment to put these girls first when so many others don't do so.

Char is one of the most positive forces in these girls' lives and I appreciate all that she does for our community. Char truly does live up to her quote for her business, "Helping young women navigate life's road map".

I look forward to continuing to work with Char and "Horizons 4 Girls" and empowering the young women of our community.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tamara Remington".

Tamara Remington – Sheboygan Police Department Detective