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To Whom It May Concern:

Curry County is honored to write this letter of support for Mark and Lorraine Richards and the Myashleah Foundation. Curry County first heard about Mr. Richards about a year ago when he called and said he and his family would like to come to Clovis and share their story about how drinking and driving had changed their lives forever. Mr. Richards and his family came and spoke at the Curry County Victim Impact Panel meeting which is held each quarter and is a requirement for all DWI offenders to attend. Mr. Richard's gave a powerful presentation about losing his daughter to the senseless tragedy of one man's decision to get behind the wheel of his car after drinking. It was obvious they reached some of the offenders in the crowd. People from all age groups broke down in tears when they heard how dearly the Richard's family had paid. They have since come back on several occasions to continue to share their message about the consequences of driving while under the influence of alcohol.

Curry County strongly recommends that the MyAshleah foundation receive funding so they can continue to work in their prevention efforts throughout the state of New Mexico. They have proven a valuable resource and we know from first-hand knowledge how important their story is. This family is an example to all and they have persevered through their loss. The strength and resolve it takes to stand before a crowd does not come easy but they are determined to stop this preventable misfortune from happening to someone else.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at 575-763-6016 or through email charrison@currycounty.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Connie Harrison".

Connie Harrison
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