

August 7, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in recommendation of Marly Driskell for a position as a nanny with your family. Marly has been a much-loved member of our family since March, 2011, when she first cared for my year-old triplets. At that time, I could not imagine one person caring for my babies (as I knew how much work it was to care for them), but Marly came highly recommended and well-trained. In addition, she had extensive experience with higher-order multiples, which I had rarely found in my search for a nanny. When I met Marly the first time, I knew she would be a perfect fit for my family! Although letters of recommendation are important to gain an understanding of one's experience, as I psychologist, I rely heavily on my own intuition about one's character and personality.

Marly and I got along great immediately upon meeting and it was clear to me from early on that she would be a life-saver for me! She loves her work and the children she cares for and knows how to help them develop into responsible, caring individuals. Given my background, I have done extensive research in positive parenting techniques and I can say that Marly uses these techniques very effectively in her interactions with children. She gives positively stated commands, letting children know exactly what is expected of them, and positively reinforces them immediately when they do what is expected of them. In addition, when needed, she enforces consequences without unnecessary emotion, helping my children develop boundaries and an understanding of how their behavior impacts others. She does this all with true love for my children and I have always found her to be very calm and respectful with them.

My children love their time with Marly and I know she truly cares about them and their well-being! She is able to care for three energetic, spirited (and frequently stubborn) children for up to eight hours a day, taking them everywhere from the Children's Museum to various malls. I rarely worry (I don't have the personality to say I never worry) about their safety with Marly as I know loves them as though they were her own children. And, unlike me, she rarely gets frustrated with their behavior!

As I indicated previously, letters of recommendation only go so far when choosing someone to care for your babies! I know, however, when you meet Marly you will realize that she is a person of true character who is responsible, caring, and giving. I can truly say my life has been better since meeting her not only because I have someone to care for my babies when I need a break but also because I have found a new friend. I trust Marly completely, which is saying a ton as I trust few people with my babies! She is truly a part of our family and we are blessed to have her! I know she would be a great asset to your family, as well.

Sincerely,

Laura K. E., Ph.D.