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Please see the attached letter of support for Reach Potential Movement

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Thank you,
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To whom it may concern:

I am pleased to provide a letter of support for Reach Potential Movement and funding for Workforce Development.

Since April 2020, Palo Alto Vineyard Church has partnered with Reach Potential Movement (RPM) in a variety of ways to support low-income and Spanish speaking families in the Mountain View area. At the start of the pandemic, we were inspired by RPM's quick response to address food insecurity during the lock down, and as a community, [Operation Contagious Generosity](#) was launched, where neighbors collected groceries, delivered the items to RPM, and RPM distributed to those in need. Through this weekly food gathering and distribution, we built relationships with several neighborhoods that RPM was investing in, including the Caltega Apartment Community (corner of California and Ortega Avenues in Mountain View).

Through the encouragement of RPM, we started staffing a food distribution at the Caltega Apartments. Since November 2021, Palo Alto Vineyard Church has partnered with RPM to not only provide a regular source of food for the residents (food is from Cityteam/Second Harvest Food Bank), but we also facilitated community events, such as Back to School, Christmas (Posada) and Dia de Los Ninos. We currently serve over 100 families at Caltega Apartments.

RPM is a committed, deeply involved, and well-connected organization to the low-income communities in Mountain View (including Caltega). They strive to not only address food insecurity but the problems that cause it, and work to create systemic changes. They consistently try to support individuals in further development, including vocational training. As they are a trusted voice within the community, RPM is uniquely positioned to provide great impact and support to low income residents seeking to enter the workforce.

Thank you,

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