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To Whom It May Concern:

By means of this letter I should like to record my very favorable impressions of Ms. Sharon Cohen, an experienced and committed educator and author of the book, *Touch a Life*.

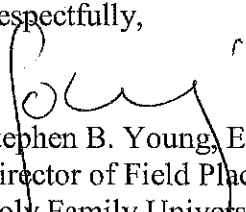
Ms. Cohen contacted me on her own initiative in the spring of 2019 to express her interest in delivering a professional development experience to our students. Her specific interest was in sharing stories from her book that she believed would sensitize our teacher candidates to the need to be appropriately responsive to the unique profiles of the students they serve as future educators. Ms. Cohen also graciously offered to gift a copy of her book to each participating student. I was eager to accept the offer and made arrangements for Ms. Cohen to present to our student teachers in September 2019.

Ms. Cohen met with two groups of student teachers for two hours on successive dates. The sessions consisted of a summary of Ms. Cohen's experiences as captured in the book with especial emphasis given to the themes of care, compassion and personalization. These were important themes for our students to hear. These themes became particularly resonant when students were given the opportunity to interact with Ms. Cohen. When asked for feedback on the event, one student wrote:

She [Ms. Cohen] made her talk a dialogue: after each story she told, we were asked to share our thoughts, relevant experiences, and how we might use what she was teaching us. I haven't read her book yet, but I'd like to.

This was my hope for the event. I could not, therefore, have been happier to read this student's response. Others seeking similar outcomes might well consider inviting Ms. Cohen to meet with their students.

Respectfully,


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