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Hi Michelle,

As I indicated in our discussion yesterday, the Court identified concerns regarding Applewood Centers employee, Aaron Knapp. As you are aware, Mr. Knapp is the therapist assigned to the Crossroads Program, contracted through Applewood Centers. Mr. Knapp's role at this program is to provide therapeutic interventions to the youth and families of the Crossroads Program, as indicated in our contract. The Court has learned that Mr. Knapp has identified himself to law enforcement as a "duly licensed officer of the court having been sworn to protect and uphold the ORC and the Juvenile Court rules". This is a misrepresentation of his role with the Court in both his position at Crossroads and as a volunteer Guardian ad Litem through Voices for Children. It is believed that Mr. Knapp abused his position as a volunteer and contracted service provider with the Court to when filing his complaints.

Based on this information, and after careful consideration of the elected Judges, the Court respectfully requested that Mr. Knapp be removed from the Crossroads Program and that another therapist be assigned per contract. This request was verbally granted yesterday by you and the Court understands the forthcoming process to replace Mr. Knapp.

Thank you for your understanding and continued partnership. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

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