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Dear Families,

I am writing on behalf of Dawnie Atkins who was our nanny for the past 6 years. Her move to the east side of town made it impossible to continue given our families' different schedules or she would still be our nanny today.

Any family would be very lucky to have her care for their kids. Dawnie treats all children as if they were her own, with love and respect and meticulous care. She is very focused on child safety and health, making sure kids have a balance of physical, intellectual and creative activities.

She has been 100% reliable for us. As a mom, she understands the importance of consistent childcare and the stress that working parents have. She has cared for our kids when they have been ill and has rarely (if ever, I really can't remember one) missed a regular workday. If a conflict came up, she usually had a solution before she even told me about it.

Dawnie's three children have been a part of our childcare as well in that she has usually had one or all of them along. They have been fun playmates for our children and Dawnie handled the inevitable "sibling" issues among all the kids well. Dawnie and her husband Dan have a lovely family and work hard to create a wonderful home life.

I understand that Dawnie is considering caring for kids in her own home which I think will be perfect for her. She will create a fun and secure environment and really enjoy doing many creative activities with children.

If you have any questions for me, I would be happy to speak with you.

Mary Knox, MD