

To whom it may concern,

What a pleasure to write a letter on behalf of Helena Nime!

I have known Helena for the last seven years, first as a colleague then as a friend. We worked together from the fall 2015 to winter 2016 at my preschool, La Petite Ecole, in Portland ( the school has since then moved to South Portland). Helena served as my assistant, while her daughter, Janae, attended our school. Helena helped me with our routine from 8:30am to 3pm and also with after and before care to a few children.

I am so proud of her to undertake this beautiful project of starting her own day care. Helena is truly dedicated to providing a safe and nurturing place for children to grow. When I met Helena, her smile and gentleness made me want to get to know her right away. Caring and always happy, Helena started to work for me in the fall 2015 and we stayed friends ever since. As her husband is also a dear friend of mine, I totally trust the loving support he provides her in order to prepare for this wonderful endeavor.

Helena is a very easy person to work with, always ready to share ideas and collaborate, and jump to action and help anybody in need.

Helena is a wonderful helper who has initiative to lead when necessary. She is always very helpful to the children. She listens well to advice and to the children' needs. I always could depend on Helena to lend a happy helping hand.

One of Helena's best qualities: she is a joyous and enthusiastic person, with a big heart. Helena's positive approach with a reservoir of energy lends her to be always ready for anything.

I wish Helena and her family the very best, as the Westbrook community will be very lucky to have her as a new child care provider, and I will be sure to visit!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at Marie-Gaelle Casset-Ford:  
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