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To Whom It May Concern:

It is a pleasure to write in support of the **1 Heart at a Time Youth Leadership Program**. This is an extraordinary program that will surely benefit students and their families throughout the Coachella Valley.

1 Heart at a Time takes a proactive approach by providing local youth the necessary tools that will enable them to make positive choices in their lives. Today's youth face tough challenges and often times they do not have a mentor to turn to for advice. Without such support, students face the risk of proceeding in a negative direction.

1 Heart at a Time recognizes the need to implement new approaches to educate and enable our youth to grow into responsible and well-rounded citizens. By providing our valley with such a program this group will make it possible to identify the "At-Risk" issues long before they turn into tragedies.

Once again, I am pleased to offer my support for this outstanding program.

Sincerely,


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October 26, 2007

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to convey my full support for the 1 Heart at a Time Youth Leadership Program.

The mission of the 1 Heart at a Time Youth Leadership Program is to educate and bring acute awareness to the youth in our community about the consequences of both the good and bad choices they make in their lives, and to have them recognize how to empower themselves to make good choices even when those choices are hard.

While on the surface this seems to be an obvious lesson that youth should learn in the home as they grow up, it is sadly one that is either not always taught in the home or due to community pressures needs to be reinforced to support positive parental influence.

To have a non-profit organization exist to help supplement the education of this life changing skill for at-risk youth, and for all youth in general is clearly a benefit to our community. The program they have developed is one that actually achieves interest and personal, emotional investment from the youth participants which is a key factor in having our youth internalize their ability to be empowered.

Thank you for the opportunity to convey my support for the 1 Heart at a Time Youth Leadership Program. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James F. Battin, Jr.".

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October 26, 2007

Subject: Support for I Heart at a Time Youth Leadership Program

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the I Heart at a Time Youth Leadership Program, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization established to provide positive direction and life skills to our youth, aged 11 through 17, in the Coachella Valley.

I Heart at a Time was established in 2006 and has already served over 50 Coachella Valley teenagers by providing free two-day workshops that focus on developing a balanced life, effective communication, appreciating differences and similarities in all people, and promoting healthy relationships.

I Heart at a Time recognizes the importance of developing the youth of today into leaders for our nation's future. I Heart at a Time has taken an innovative approach to coaching these teenagers and guiding them towards safe and fulfilling community activities. Through its programs, I Heart at a Time serves as a positive role model for teenagers.

I believe the I Heart at a Time Youth Leadership Program is an asset for developing teenagers into contributing members of our community, and I give I Heart at a Time my full support.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my support of this excellent organization. Please feel free to contact my office at (760) 674-0164 if I can provide further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John J. Benoit".

JOHN J. BENOIT
Assemblyman, 64th District

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