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Ms. Christine Zeni  
Deputy Director of City-wide Programs and Contract Management  
New York City Housing Authority  
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Dear Ms. Zeni:

The Phelps-Stokes Fund and Futurekids have been partners in bringing to our mutual constituencies the latest educational technology to improve youth and adult computer literacy. The Futurekids staff have led training activities for teachers, students, and local community educational providers enrolled in our programs; with each group, they have adequately responded to age, grade and level of technology proficiency, as well as to differing learning style needs with developmentally appropriate programs and processes. Having conducted joint programs over the last four years, I have noted their ongoing and extensive educational research to ensure that the most up-to-date teaching methodologies and strategies are employed. The thoroughness of the Futurekids curriculum and the creativity within which it is presented, motivates students to achieve computer literacy; this life skill, no doubt, further enhances the individual's self-esteem. In addition to their hosting one of our forums at their "state of the art" Learning Center, I have personally had a number of opportunities to observe their competent management team. Because the Fund looks forward to future collaborative projects with Futurekids, I am delighted to recommend them to you for your consideration as a program partner.

With warm regards.

Sincerely,

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Director, Education Policy and  
School Reform