
NC Leadership Award Statement--T Land

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Greetings,

Please find my statement below:

T Land, the executive director of CANDOR (Chronically Ill, Autistic, Neuro-eclectic Disabled Organization for Reclamation), has profoundly influenced positive change in the lives of people with disabilities. Under T's leadership, CANDOR has become a beacon of advocacy and support for individuals with diverse disabilities. T has championed initiatives that prioritize accessibility, inclusion, and empowerment, creating programs that address the unique needs of the chronically ill, autistic, and neuro-eclectic communities.

I am the executive director of the West End Community Foundation, Inc., a community-rooted nonprofit that is dedicated to enhancing the well-being of individuals residing in the West End and the City of Durham through education, community development, wellness, job readiness and access, and human enrichment. WECF owns and operates the Community Family Life and Recreation Center at Lyon Park, a multi-service community center. I have had the pleasure of collaborating with T through various partnerships. One prominent collaboration is the West End Free Market, held at the community center. This dignified food justice program provides the West End, Lyon Park, and Lakewood communities with organic, local, high-quality produce and dry goods twice a month. Many neurodivergent community members are employed at the market, a testament to T and their team's dedication to inclusion and empowerment.

Through T's vision and dedication, CANDOR has implemented groundbreaking policies that ensure equitable access to education and employment opportunities for people with disabilities. T's commitment to fostering an environment of understanding and acceptance has led to the development of support networks and resources that have transformed lives. Their work has not only enhanced the quality of life for countless individuals but also challenged societal perceptions and norms, paving the way for a more inclusive future.

With gratitude,

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