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To Whom it May Concern-

I am writing to heartily endorse Sandra Garcia both as a person and as a childcare provider. I have known Sandra for many years, but most closely in the last 5 years. She was both a leader to other teachers in her role as well as a direct care provider to my children while in their preschool/pre-K and school aged years. She is a respectful and trustworthy person, and balances her passion for the children with her understanding of the needs of their parents. Sandra has been an incredible asset to my children's and my time in these early years.

In my children's words Sandra Garcia:

"Is good at helping kids maneuver through problems"

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"When she sees us, she smiles."

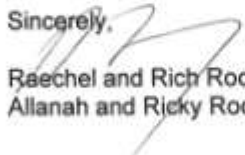
Allanah, 9

"When she says Hi it is always in a happy voice"

Ricky, 7

We all will miss Ms. Sandra and wish her the best of luck in her new endeavor!

Sincerely,



Raechel and Rich Rooney  
Allanah and Ricky Rooney

Dear Prospective Parents,

Our family has had the good fortune to have known Sandra Garcia and Liz Linahon for the last 10 years. We enrolled our daughters at Laurence Armour Day School in the summer of 2002. Our youngest daughter was in Ms. Sandra's preschool class at time and our elder daughter was in the after school program as she was beginning Kindergarten. Our entire family quickly fell in love with Ms. Sandra. Ms. Liz joined LADS several years after that and we found her just as charming.

Ms. Sandra and Ms. Liz have provided a safe and nurturing environment for our daughters for over a decade. My wife and I were so grateful that they were surrounded by two very compassionate and gifted teachers. Both teachers have helped us to raise our daughters to be inquisitive and confident. They each share a teaching style and philosophy that has been of great benefit to our daughters. They have had many years of experience with teaching children and with the responsibility that comes with running an accredited daycare. I have attended many field trips with Ms. Sandra and Liz, they are completely trusted to take care of children both in the classroom and out of it.

As our daughters grew, they continued to attend the LADS after school program. An unexpected benefit was that they encouraged our girls to become junior staff at the school. Ms. Sandra and Ms. Liz proved to be excellent mentors to our daughters. We observed that both women would be wonderful at choosing and guiding staff at any school. The relationship between our daughters and both teachers has evolved into more of a friendship at this time.

Ms. Sandra and Ms. Liz are both wonderful individuals. We will forever be grateful for their talents and experience during our children's formative years. Both are grounded, down to Earth individuals, with families of their own. They are kind, friendly and nice people. We whole heartedly recommend them as teachers and owners of their school!

Sincerely,

Drs. James and Lynne Ryan

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To whom it may concern;

I feel privileged to be writing this letter of recommendation for Sandra Garcia. I have known her for more than five years. She and I worked together as an administrative team at Laurance Armour Day School, where she was the school age coordinator. During her time at Laurance Armour, she handled many administrative tasks excellently.

Her ability to multitask aligns with her intelligence, energy, organization and communication skills which are her biggest qualities as she is extremely knowledgeable in the field of Early Childhood Education. During the time I have known her, I observed how committed she is to her job. She is and has always been willing to offer assistance to all of our classrooms, teachers, families and children.

Sandra Garcia is a dedicated loving teacher and administrator. As a teacher she has always been nurturing to all of the children and families at Laurance Armour and as an administrator she has always been supportive to staff. Her expertise and knowledge will truly be missed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Isabela Padilla'.

Isabela Padilla  
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To whom it may concern;

I have known Sandra J. Garcia in a professional capacity for more than 10 years as colleagues at Laurance Armour Day School in Chicago, Illinois. She is a person that is truly dedicated to the field of Early Childhood Education, which is exemplified by her many years of service and educational background, as she has earned a Masters degree from the Erikson Institute.

While at Laurance Armour Day School, she was able to excel as a lead pre-school teacher and school age coordinator, where she supervised and managed a team of five people. She always displayed great leadership skills and empowered the people around her to perform to a higher standard.

Her talent for educating young children, knowledge of best practices along with her experience makes her an ideal child care provider. I have seen firsthand how she is able to build and maintain strong relationships with the families and the children our school services. That ability by itself is a main reason why we at Laurance Armour have continued to succeed and grow as she has left a positive lasting impression on all of us.

Sincerely,

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Joseph L. Tanksley M.S., M.A.Ed.  
School Age Coordinator  
Laurance Armour Day School

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter of reference for Sandra Owen-Garcia. I have now known Sandra for about six years. In that time she has run the school age program that my daughter has been a part of each summer and on holidays. Sandra has always been energetic, enthusiastic, and caring with the children in her care. My daughter, Merrick, will tell you, "Mrs. Sandra is my favorite teacher ever and I can't wait until the next time I see her and I can give her a big hug."

Sandra is creative, compassionate, and fair with the children she works with as well as the staff working under her leadership. I know her to be ethical, fair minded, and understanding in her interactions with others. In the child care setting she has often had to deal with difficult parents and testing children. She does this with fairness, honesty, and respect. Her love of the children in her care is always apparent in her interactions with them and the creativity she brings to them through her program planning.

I am certain that Sandra will be successful in any endeavor she chooses. She has the desire, creativity, and ingenuity needed to run a great business. I feel certain that Sandra will provide a safe, creative, and educational environment for any children left in her care. I am proud to recommend Sandra for the creating and running of her own Early Childhood Educational School.

Sandra has sincere dedication to the education and expansion of creativity in children. You can tell that she enjoys the differences in the children she works with and has a talent for identifying their individual needs. She is a hard worker, dedicated teacher, and a creative inspiration to those around her. I am honored to speak to her character and recommend her for certification of her school license.

Sincerely,



Michelle McFall-Johnsen

May 7, 2013

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter as a mother of two children who have had the benefit of being under the care of both Ms. Liz and Ms. Sandra at Laurance Armor Day School since 2008. While under their care, my children have developed both emotionally and academically.

My daughter, who is now of school age, still speaks of the times she spent under Ms. Liz's care. She speaks of all the different experiences she had while with her and does her best to guide her younger brother along in his current experiences with Ms. Sandra.

As a working mother, it is most important to me to see that my children are in a loving and nurturing environment. My experiences with both Ms. Sandra and Ms. Liz have shown that my children are well cared for and definitely better prepared for moving on to the next academic step in their lives which is a result of how well rounded their experiences have been. My children have created relationships with them that are reflected in their daily lives.

I have had the pleasure of having these two educators as a presence in my children's lives and know that wherever this next step takes them they will be of great impact to all those little ones who are given the opportunity to share their lives with them.

Although I am sad to see them go, I am comforted by knowing my children are better for having known them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leonor Torres Whitt".

Leonor Torres Whitt  
LADS Parent