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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the staff and students at the Individual Learning Centre (ILC). We are in support for the Humble Roots project to be nominated for the Arctic Inspiration Prize.

The ILC mandate is to serve disenfranchised learners between the ages of 16 – 21. We offer a multitude of programming for students of varying abilities and learning rates and styles, in a safe and respectful environment, while providing opportunity for graduation, lifelong learning and good citizenship. We are a small group of very committed and creative educators that work hard every day to create opportunities and connect our students to supports and work experiences within Whitehorse.

In September, the staff spent a full day reviewing, rewriting and revising the ILC school growth plan. What was very clear throughout the process was our goal as a staff and as a community organization to prepare our students not only for high school graduation but also to provide our students with employment opportunities. As an alternative school we are hoping to build greater partnership with local organizations to give our students opportunities, confidence and skills they require to make positive contributions to the community.

The Humble Roots project is one partnership that we hope will create opportunity for our students. Humble Roots is looking to provide our students with employment opportunities and training, educational experiences around sustainable gardening and home building, as well providing our school with locally grown vegetables to support our school's food program. The Humble Roots innovators have had a long-term relationship with the ILC and would like to continue this partnership through this project.

Students, both Yukon First Nations and non-First Nations, will have an opportunity for mentorships, working together and to learn about food security. The Humble Roots project believes, as we do, that when young people are provided with opportunities to succeed and contribute to their community, they will rise to the occasion. Our students represent an important demographic within Whitehorse and need to be provided with employment opportunities so they can see themselves as part of the fabric of our community.

The ILC looks forward to being involved in the Humble Roots project in multiple capacities over the years and would like to extend our support for this initiative.

Sincerely,

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