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Dear Dr. Sandell:

This purpose of this letter is to thank you for your work with development efforts on behalf of the Minnesota State University, Mankato Foundation while you were Chair of the Elementary and Early Childhood Department in 2006-2008.

As the Director of Development for the College of Education during this time, I can attest that one of the key components of any successful development endeavor is the engagement of our alumni, emeriti faculty and friends in our programs. To successfully engage key supporters requires strategically engaging them in a way that is meaningful to them. Because you were willing to work collaboratively with me and to spend the time meeting with donors and supporters, we were able to raise additional dollars for the Elementary and Early Childhood program that would not have been possible without your efforts.

I want to personally thank you for your efforts in this regard while you were Department Chair. I hope your example helps to inspire other faculty and staff to better understand the importance of development in the process of generating additional resources for higher education in general and for the College of Education specifically.

Sincerely,

Jeff Halbur
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