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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in recognition of the support that Barka: Social Integration Society has provided to an individual who is a mutual client. This individual is largely without social support and Barka has been a crucial resource for him.

Barka staff have been able to provide our mutual client with translations services from a consistent and reliable source making it easier for him to discuss personal issues comfortably. They have provided him with emotional support and someone to talk through decisions with at a time when he is otherwise very socially isolated. Finally they have given him assistance in dealing with numerous practical issues including banking, transportation, housing, and navigating government systems. I have no question that Barka has had a very positive impact on this individual's health and wellbeing.

My experience of Barka staff is that they are dedicated, professional, responsive, and reliably prioritise the best interest of their clients. Their ability to support clients with a wide variety of issues, to work with clients in their first language, and to provide clients with consistent supportive relationships make them a very valuable resource.

Sincerely,

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