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To Whom It May Concern:

**The Hill House Association** has used the Gourmet Dessert Apple Company's catering services for close to five years. The organization has used Gourmet's catering services for board meetings, special receptions, holiday parties, press conferences, staff meetings and fundraisers.

Patrick Polk is a joy to work with. He's not only a great chef and his food is not just delicious, but the effort, love and professionalism that he brings to presenting and serving his meals are outstanding. He is very detail-oriented and it shows in his presentations. From linens, to utensils, from centerpieces to glasses, from salad, to drinks, to dessert, Mr. Polk and his staff leaves no stone unturned.

Over a year ago, the Hill House launched its capital campaign and announced that funding would be raised to renovate its historic Kaufmann Center and the auditorium would be named after one of its co-founders Elsie H. Hillman. The launch of the campaign occurred at a luncheon. We knew that a lot of press, major donors and leaders in the Pittsburgh community would be attending the lunch and we wanted to be sure that the food served was not an average brown bag.

Mr. Polk created a soulful box lunch of cold fried chicken, salad, fruit, and dessert all wrapped in a box that attendees devoured. The box lunches were a hit and we received nothing but praise for the creativity and thought that went into each box.

This past holiday season Mr. Polk catered our holiday and farewell party for the president of our organization. We had literally three weeks to plan it and we had Mr. Polk running around at the last minute trying to pull off a great menu for 200 people, contacting his vendors and designing color palettes for linen choices and décor during the crazy holiday season, and to make matters worse we were working with a small budget. Again, he did not disappoint. He treated our low budget party as if it was a \$75,000 wedding. The party was fabulous and the food again delicious!

The Hill House Association gladly and strongly recommends The Gourmet Dessert Apple Company to any individual or organization seeking four-star quality catering and event planning services.

Sincerely,

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