

March 10, 2023

To whom it may concern,

I am writing you to confirm that, Ernest Gardner spent over 150 hours during his time at the University of Tennessee, serving as a mentor to kids at the Wesley House Community Center. He frequently visited our program even after moving away from Knoxville. During his time at the Wesley House, he served as something like a “big brother,” and was able to make an impact with our young boys. Ernest would come in and help them with their homework first, but then also stay and play football or basketball with them. Through this he was able to build some meaningful relationships, that I was able to witness firsthand.

Not only did Ernest invest time into our afterschool and summer program, but also resources. He bought food for our students and staff one summer, so that we did not have to worry about that expense. We are appreciative of the time that he was able to spend with our students. While I am no longer at the Wesley House, I am thankful that I had the pleasure of supervising Ernest as he serving as a volunteer for the organization. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Thank you,

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