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Board Members

APHE

c/o The Latham

Foundation

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Dear APHE Board Members,

I am both honored and excited to apply to join you on the Board of Directors for the APHE. As you can see from my resume, I possess the education, experience and professionalism required to excel within this organization, and will work my hardest to be of benefit in connecting APHE's message to the surrounding community and beyond.

1. Why do you wish to serve on this board?

One of the most important goals I have as a Humane Educator is to continue to learn and grow alongside my peers. To be given the opportunity to collaborate with other professional individuals in this field while helping create a foundation for such vital and important work is something that I would feel honored and privileged to be a part of.

2. What abilities do you have that you feel would be an asset to the organization?

Over the years, I have accumulated the understanding of what it means to view the world through a humane lens, and I now value the integrity of this lens with every decision I make. This ability is highlighted in the program and curriculum development I have created. My work reinforces not only my ability to create ideas for big picture thinking, but also features the smaller but necessary components that ultimately contribute to creating a successful program. I have successfully started several programs from the bottom up using these skills.

Additionally, I would bring energy and positivity to the group with the goal of motivating my fellow colleagues. With an open mind ready for collaboration, I welcome new ideas to keep conversations moving in a useful and constructive way so that APHE can thrive as it moves forward into the future.

3. Tell us about your work history in this field

My love for animal advocacy from a young age inspired me to work with animals as a Veterinary Technician and Wildlife Caretaker early in my professional career. My passion quickly grew into finding ways to educate other people, particularly children, about kindness toward animals. This led me to earn my M.Ed in Humane Education. From that point on my humane lens has evolved greatly over the years to incorporate other areas of social justice, including human rights and environmental protection. These connections have gradually emerged and have allowed me to focus on my current work: empathy development in children and pet-assisted therapy.

I greatly appreciate you taking the time to review my application. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me via phone or email to answer any additional questions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Rachel Filtz, M.Ed.