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To Whom It May Concern:

In the Chatham County Child Development Center, KidScope provides quality, early childhood education and specialized services for children from six weeks to 5 years of age. The program operates an "inclusion" model for children who are typically developing and those with, or at risk for, developmental disabilities in a 50/50 ratio. We are thrilled to have Voices Together as an evidence-based program that has brought incredible outcomes to our pre-school age children.

Our teachers are reporting increases in eye contact, tracking of sound and basic communication, such as hello/goodbye, and some even sitting up and vocalizing for the first time! Children with autism have been especially receptive to this music therapy model.

Specialized services such as those provided by Voices Together are difficult to access and/or afford in rural Chatham County. These services can make all the difference to young children who otherwise may not be exposed to these wonderful techniques that can change the trajectory of their lives. I have personally seen children show an increase in making eye contact, waiting their turn, and initiating conversation with peers and teachers. Starting early to reinforce important communications skills has proven to have the greatest effect over a lifetime.

As the Director of KidScope, I hope to see Voices Together continue their programming at this Center. Our teachers are incredibly motivated by the techniques used by the music therapists and we need to continue this momentum of rapid improvements for years to come.

Sincerely,

Linda Foxworth
KidScope Director