

# UPPER DARBY TOWNSHIP

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To Whom It May Concern,

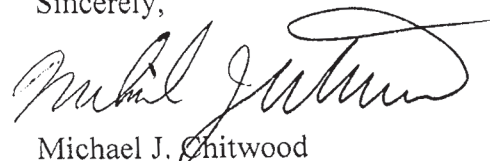
As the Superintendent of the Police in Upper Darby, Pennsylvania I am very familiar with the services provided by the Upper Darby Community Outreach Corporation. For 15 years they have been an anchor for many of our families needing a safe place to care for their children. The other programs they offer are valuable as well but I am most familiar with their Summer Camp and After School BLAST.

The children in the Upper Darby Community Outreach Corporation service area need supervision during after school hours and good role models during their impressionable years. I have observed Pastor David and his staff provide the kind of influence and opportunities that keep children out of trouble. Participants in grades K-8 learn valuable social skills, conflict resolution and participate in service projects to the community.

It is also true that when I or our police officers visit the Upper Darby Community Outreach Corporation programs, we receive a positive welcome. We value the opportunities to build good police community relations and develop mutual respect. When the Upper Darby Community Outreach Corporation young people see our officers in their neighborhoods, they are not strangers and it is a win-win for creating a healthy safe community.

In these stressful times for families, communities like Upper Darby, and for service providers like the Upper Darby Community Outreach Corporation, we all need to work together. I can recommend them without reservation should you be in a position to help sustain what they do.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Chitwood  
Superintendent of Police

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