To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is on behalf of Matthew Foster, future professional baseball player. Since the fall of 2009, I have had the great pleasure of coaching Matt and watching him progress as not only a baseball player but also as a young man. Possessing so many positive characteristics, a few dynamic features Matt displays, are his positive demeanor, his care for others, his understanding of teamwork and being selfless, along with his passion/commitment to excellence, and most, importantly his respect for his parents and other adults. Since Matt was 10 years old (when I met him), he was a kid that was always smiling and nothing could get him down. Matt immediately bought into "teamwork" and to this day, at 14 years old, Matt continues to be a team player and continues to be a positive spirit around his teammates. Taking many children (and adults) a very long time to understand what hard work, dedication and commitment really mean, Matt grasped such concept almost immediately. There are few kids I have coached that religiously dedicate themselves to the program; Matt is one of those kids. Continuing to grow as a person and a player each and every year, it is evident that Matt's commitment to excellence is truly paying dividends.

There is one other thing that stands out above all, and that is his constant respect for his mother, his father, and other adults. Observing so many kids day in and day out, I find it unbelievable how disrespectful some of the kids are, particularly toward their parents. It brings me great joy to watch Matt treat his parents, particularly his mother, with such great respect. Even more impressive, it isn't an act, he is genuinely respectful and caring towards his parents and others. There are many in this world that could learn and take hold of some of the great attributes Mr. Foster possess. Character really counts, and Matthew Foster understands that better than anyone.

In closing, it has, and continues to be a joy to coach a young man who is so positive, so dedicated to his team, his role and his future, along with his caring spirit as well as his respect for others. Highlight this kid's name, **Matthew Foster** is a rising star!

Sincerely,

Chris Godwin