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To whom it may concern

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Phaphama Initiatives /Alternatives to Violence Project

The Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation has been working with the Phaphama Initiatives /Alternatives to Violence Project for over a year. The context has been a project coordinated by CSVR that involves several different organisations working collaboratively together to deliver intervention programmes to young convicted prisoners and correctional services staff. AVP, as part of the steering committee, has participated in developing the overall project objectives and activities, liaising with the Department of Correctional Services, offering advice and support to the project partners, and other activities related to the overall project. They have also been responsible for delivering the Beginner, Advanced and Training for Facilitator courses to 18 inmates, and the Beginner course to correctional staff.

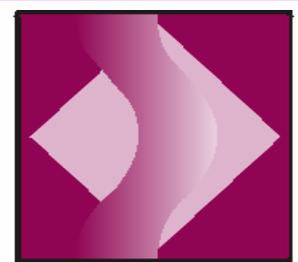
AVP has proved to be an invaluable member of the project team. They have contributed with great insight and commitment to the overall project objectives. Their direct interventions have also been professionally and sensitively rendered. They have established good relationships with the prisoner and staff participants. Their interventions have proved to be an important learning opportunity for participants, and they have added greatly to the overall impact of the programme.

CSVr believes that programmes offered by AVP can be valuable in the institutional/corrections environment, and we would like to support AVP's attempts to raise funds to continue and expand their work.

Please feel free to contact me should you require any further information.

Yours faithfully

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