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Dear Recruiting Manager,

I am writing to apply for the position of Associate Director for the Pan Asian American Community House, as posted on Indeed. One of my favorite positions in my repertoire of work experience was as a Transfer Orientation Leader for The University of California in San Diego. The ability to work directly with students (my peers at that time) to ensure that they had a smooth transition into the university system and provide them with a safe, welcoming environment, was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. In fact, to this day I still keep in touch with some of the students and my fellow orientation leaders.

As someone who grew up and spent most of their childhood and adolescent life in California, I remember what a huge culture shock it was to attend UT Austin for law school. I quickly joined the Asian Law Students Association, and can fondly recall the difference that having that support group provided for me. Though I made and maintain friendships with classmates of all ethnicities and backgrounds, it was always nice to have people to confide in who can empathize and commiserate on a deeper level if and when cultural-specific problems arise.

My subsequent moves to Europe (Brussels, Belgium), and Asia (Shanghai, China) further proved to me how important it is to have a sense of community. We lived in a predominantly French-speaking area of Brussels, and if it were not for the multicultural, expat, English-speaking, very close-knit group of friends that we made, those couple of years we lived abroad could have easily been spent in isolation. Even in Shanghai, surrounded by people who looked very similar to myself, it was possible to feel alone. I developed an understanding that it is not necessarily the similarities in appearance you may share with people that drives a bond or friendship, but more importantly, it a mutual respect and understanding and a willingness to open yourself up that create lasting impact and deeper friendships.

As aforementioned, there is a large gap in my resume since my last position, because I decided to take the life opportunity to move to Europe and Asia with my husband. Now that his permanent position is in Philadelphia, I am eager to rejoin the workforce and find a career in which I can actualize my full potential, both for my personal growth and also for the company that will provide me the opportunity to do so. We want to make roots and find a community that we can draw strength from and also contribute to. Thank you for your consideration.

With Warm Regards,

Kristine Wang