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ATTN: Keylee Marineau
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Program Director Marineau,

I aim to become employed as the AmeriCorps Youth Advocate at Rosie's Place. I am applying on a referral from Andrea Fercho at the United Way of Thurston County.

I am interested in this position because I have (i) a year of experience in refugee social services and (ii) enthusiasm to work at agency that provides a "continuum of care" for at-risk youth.

- (i) Upon graduation in 2016, I committed a year to the Texas Episcopal Service Corps. I work to support refugees with complex medical conditions at the YMCA International Services, a resettlement agency in Houston. I directly serve 40 clients monthly—providing cultural orientation, scheduling medical appointments, and coordinating transportation. I support 7 case managers in 2 departments.
- (ii) I thrive in supportive roles. As a grading assistant, I found that, by taking a share of my supervisor's administrative responsibilities, I gave her more time to focus on curriculum design. As a lead counselor at Boys State, I supported junior counselors and large groups of high schoolers. At the YMCA, I handled referrals to community organizations and healthcare providers, I recruited volunteers to teach our clients to ride the Houston METRO, and I created an online repository of safety-net services.

This week, as I was digging through clothing donations to find the second shoe in a pair of men's size 11's, I realized that I care deeply to commit to a second year of my life to a comprehensive social service agency.

Working at the Rosie's Place would form a continuous link with the work I am presently doing at the YMCA—in terms of nurturing self-sufficiency, coordinating wholistic care, and performing community outreach.

I forward this letter with hopes to begin a coorespondence.

Respectfully,

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P.S. I am available via email, by phone after 3:00 P.M. PST, or by scheduled video-chat.