

To Whom It May Concern:

I've had the privilege of working with Jake Rogers over the past few years. The organizations we worked for - partnered in a Juvenile Jail, work and ministry.

Through those years I was able to witness and absorb – so many wonderful things about Jake. There was no denying his love for God and his huge heart for at-risk young people. His deep desire to love each one - and impart the goodness and grace of God - to every at-risk youth, was beautiful to behold. His unwavering consistency – built in, relationship and glimpses of newfound hope for many broken teenagers. I loved the way Jake would encourage others by weaving his own life story - into the various interactions he would have access to. He didn't make the focus about him - but rather would share his own story of brokenness - that God has redeemed into something only He could get the credit for. Thus, extending hope to many - whose life seemed to be hopeless.

I sensed, in working with Jake - that God was helping him envision an even more extensive work that was going to reach beyond what we were experiencing. That was why I'm so thrilled to see the beginning of Life Decisions. That is the very opportunity that I believe God has been preparing Jake for. Jake's lead - and the whole person focus of Life Decisions, will have a profound life-changing influence upon engaged at-risk lives.

Thank you for the opportunity to share a few of my thoughts with you. If you would like to contact me for anything further - you can do so at: dave.ahrens@rockfordreachout.org.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dave Ahrens".

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