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To Whom It May Concern,

Devoting the past decade to working with the unhoused has provided me with a profound sense of purpose and fulfillment. The significance of this mission, of handing out slices of pizza to those living on our streets, lies not only in the pizza that connects me but also in the deep-rooted connection forged through contact and acceptance of where we are at any given point in time.

In supporting those experiencing homelessness, I acknowledge the inherent dignity and worth of every individual. This purpose illuminates the complex web of challenges faced by the unhoused, and shows a path toward understanding and empathy. It's an endeavor that connects me with what often gets looked past and judged incorrectly.

Through my outreach work, I have witnessed the resilience of individuals facing homelessness, the transformative power of eye contact, and an acceptance of those that have been dealt an incredibly hard hand. This purpose enables me to get out and see my brothers and sisters as often as I can. It often seems insignificant at the start of the walk but has never ended with anything but a sense of fulfillment. Being there for others is often the only thing I can do.

I look forward to bringing this perspective to the Circle of Ten.

Sincerely,