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Re: Daniel Brimacombe and Healing With Horses

To whom it may concern:

We came to live and work in Tobago five years ago with our then 19 year-old son, Daniel (a citizen of Trinidad and Tobago). Dan was diagnosed as a child in Canada as Autistic with Tourette Syndrome and OCD. In spite of his challenges he is an accomplished musician and has always been passionate about working with animals, leading him to obtain a college diploma in Animal Care.

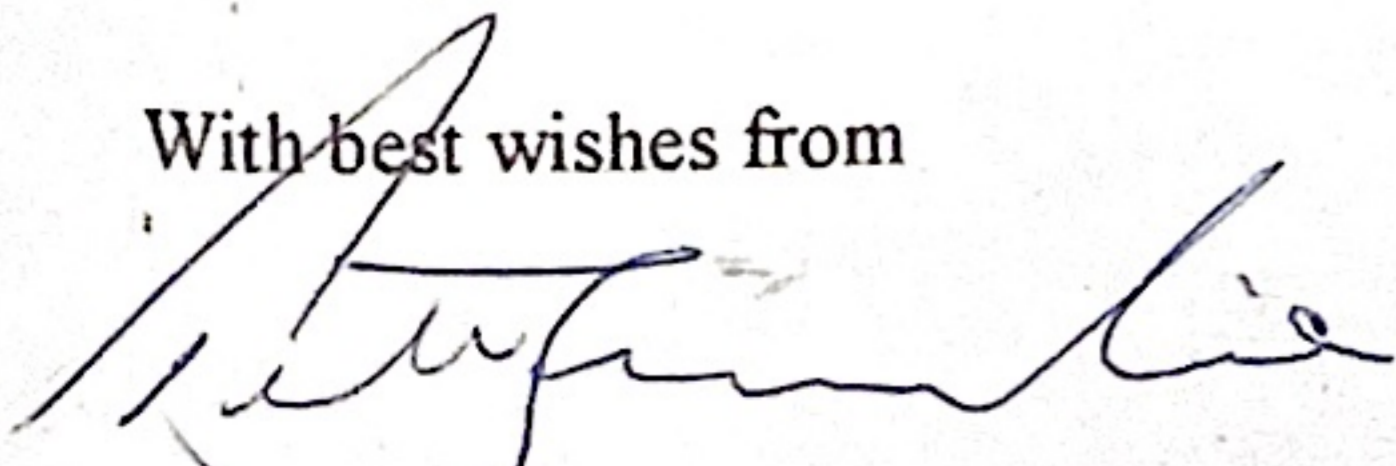
When we came to Tobago, Daniel had no experience with horses, but while volunteering at the SPCA here he met Veronika Danzer who encouraged him to come to visit Healing With Horses. That visit was life-changing for Daniel. Since then he has volunteered and worked at Healing With Horses on a regular basis. He has formed a strong relationship and trust with the horses and the people there and has gained a huge amount of confidence, self-esteem and a strong sense of responsibility.

Veronika and Lennon have been amazing as employers, mentors and friends and have gone out of their way to accommodate Dan's special needs. They also encouraged him with his budding interest in photography and videography which have become an important source of income and identity for him. Last year a short film he produced at Being With Horses was accepted by, and met with a very positive reception at the Trinidad and Tobago Film Festival.

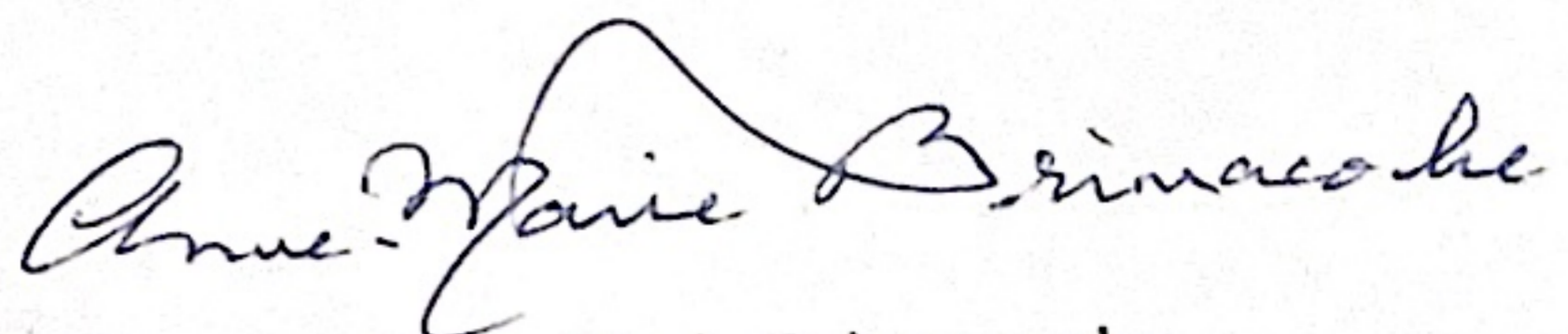
Dan's interaction with other staff and with the riders at Healing With Horses has also been a positive experience for him. Like most people with Autism, Dan was not easily social but getting to know and to work with people through the medium of the horses has helped him in a significant way.

In short, Dan's experiences with the team and "herd" at Healing Horses have truly given him wings. We, and he, will be forever grateful for this.

With best wishes from



Peter Brimacombe



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