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To Whom it May Concern:

This is a letter of reference for Itasca Construction Associates and Ranon & Partners, Inc., Architects.

The new mental health facility for Hernando County is currently under construction and will be completed in a few weeks. This project had many complications. There were many competing priorities from several departments and a limited project budget. Itasca and Ranon were able to work with our staff to make numerous adjustments to the plan and work closely with department managers to provide a plan that worked for all concerned. The design of the building and space is beautiful. The construction quality is excellent. The persons involved were Ted Braecklein, Paul Seemann, Scott Taylor and Vaughn Jones with Itasca and Bruce Houghton and Bob Shumake with Ranon.

The design/build approach was a key to the success of our project. It was evident early on that everyone working together as a team helped find the solutions we needed so that all the needs for the organization could be met, in spite of a very tight budget.

We highly recommend this team to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Irene K. Rickus".

Irene K. Rickus  
Executive Director

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