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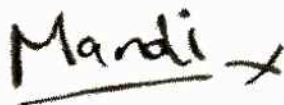
Dear Robert,

I am writing this letter to thank you for giving me the opportunity to have worked with you this summer, during the BAYFEST International Youth Theatre intensive. I can honestly say, even though I have taken part in other National Youth Theatre courses, BAYFEST was the one that gave me the most guidance. By having had the opportunity to not only work with you, but with a helpful teacher such as Dr. Rappaport, I was able to improve my acting and voice technique and become more confident in my abilities. I felt I was given great support and was cared for and mentored as an individual. This allowed me to grow as a performer, and learn to be more independent and mature as a young person.

The course was very educational, but a large part of the experience was also the cultural exchange. I wasn't just introduced to a different part of the world, but I met amazing people; the friends I made in BAYFEST, I am sure, are friends that I will have throughout life. The exchange was also completed by a caring and supportive host family, who looked after me throughout, and put in so much effort to ensure I had a great summer. I am truly grateful that BAYFEST is not just focused on performing, but it's also an opportunity to immerse yourself in a different culture and provides invaluable life experience.

Lastly, I cannot forget that without the bursary award from the Toby Robertson Scholarship Fund I was supported with, I would not have been able to participate in BAYFEST. I am very thankful that you searched for scholarships to ensure that all students could take part. I wish that BAYFEST will continue being funded by all the generous scholarships, and that many other young people will be able to participate in this beautiful experience.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mandi" followed by a stylized flourish or "x" mark.

Mandi Chivasa