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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing you in regards to Desiree's application to rent. Having known Desiree this last year, she has proven to not only be a kind and generous person, but her dedication to bettering her community is outstanding.

Having worked in the Smilow Cancer Center at Yale New Haven Hospital, I know first-hand how difficult it can be to help treat patients with very difficult diagnoses. Desiree's work to improve and even erase physical scars that result from excruciating treatment is life-altering and astounding. While I am a client of hers and have benefited firsthand from her amazing work, my experience is nothing compared to what many others have gained from Desiree's services. I will always continue to support her in her work and recommend her services to women everywhere.

Desiree is hard-working, responsible, empathetic and is an ideal tenant for any landlord to have. I can truly say that you will not find a more dependable tenant than her. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions that may arise.

Thank You,

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Here is my story which begins in September of 2017. I went for my yearly mammogram and they found a lump. A week later I was at Smilow Cancer Hospital getting a needle biopsy.

My biggest fear came to reality. The biggest fear of every woman alive. I was told I had breast cancer. An appointment was set up to have a lumpectomy in November, 2017. Surgery went well and I was back to work a week later. I get a call from my doctor and she said that she did not get all the cancer, and that I would have to have another lumpectomy and she would widen her margins.

December 2017, another lumpectomy, another grave report. My doctor said the next step would be a total mastectomy of left breast. Needless to say, I was petrified of what the surgery would entail. But I thought it over and I agreed to have the mastectomy and reconstructive surgery.

January 10, 2018, a date that will be burnt in my memory forever. Fast forward I had a total mastectomy and reconstructive surgery of my left breast. Everything went fine and all the cancer had been removed and I didn't need chemo or radiation. I was told I would have to take a hormone pill for the rest of my life. I considered that a victory and I was so thankful everything was over and done.

Now the emotional part; two years later, July 2020, here I am a 62-year-old widow, mother and daughter, and breast cancer survivor. Every time I saw my breast, I was reminded of what I had been through. Blessed, but every time I looked at myself in the mirror something was missing. The mastectomy was an unsettling and permanent scar that would never go away.

One morning in July, my daughter calls me and says there is a woman named Desiree from Desired Beauty who is doing 3D Areola/Nipple reconstruction and she is looking for women to practice her skills on for free. I answered the ad and two weeks later I was sitting in her studio.

I was excited but frankly very nervous. The moment I met Desiree she was warm and welcoming. Desiree put me at ease and I felt like I had known her for years. Her studio was immaculate and decorated very elegantly. She explained the whole process of what she would be doing step by step. Also, I was able to ask her questions as she tattooed me. The whole process was painless and finished within 40 minutes.

When she was through, I looked in the mirror and the first thing that came to my mind that I was whole again. My breast looked just like it had an actual areola and nipple. I wanted to cry, but I kept my emotions to myself. As we talked, I learned that I was her first client getting a 3D Areola and Nipple reconstruction. Again, I felt very blessed.

I'm so fortunate my story has such a happy ending thanks to my first meeting with Desiree Savo. I absolutely recommend her without reservation, and highly endorse her services. I believe she would benefit greatly by having her own studio, in her hometown of North Haven. She is definitely giving back to her community by performing 3D Areola/Nipple reconstruction for breast cancer survivors.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions. Thank you for taking time to read my story!

Very truly yours,

Laura A. McKay

To whom this may concern,

I am a long-time client of Desiree. I originally met her as she was working as a medical assistant for the NEMG-Yale New Haven walk in clinic in North haven on Devine. I was working in radiology across the hall and got to know Desiree very well before she opened her business. I currently work as a breast mammographer for Smilow breast imaging at Yale-New Haven Hospital. I work closely with oncology doctors and breast surgeons who are care providers for women with breast cancer. Among those patients who can receive breast conserving surgeries, the nipple-areola tattoo is the final stage of what was a long and emotional challenge of breast cancer recovery. The areola reconstruction service that Desiree provides marks the end of chemotherapy, surgery, and uncertainty for many women. More importantly, they symbolize the transition from "cancer patient" to survivor. Although the patient has undergone surgery that provides them an excellent outcome of shapely breasts, the nipple-areola part of the breast is often neglected. The fact that Desiree is offering this service, among many other of her services, truly help women in the cancer society and it is life-changing for them. Myself and my co-workers in my department love her work and are constantly referring our patients to her (for both for cosmetic and paramedical services). I could not support a business more than this one. I would be thrilled to see her have her own place to honor the hard work she has put in the last several years!

Feel free to reach out if need be!

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Sincerely,
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