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Dear Trix,

It was a pleasure hosting you during our 2008 Disability Awareness Week at Central Washington University. Your performance of "The Hearing World Around Me" gave me pause as I marveled at just how beautiful a language ASL really is. I have heard from many in the audience how affected they were by your poignant stories of embarrassing moments, challenges, learning experiences and most importantly— your accomplishments!

My own cultural competency was raised that evening as I began to truly comprehend the term deaf culture. You transformed my understanding of deafness as a disability to one that reflects strength and character.

I also received great praise for the ASL interpreters workshop you facilitated earlier that afternoon. Your depth of skill and knowledge on the subject at hand was deeply appreciated.

Thank you for coming to Central Washington University — we are all the better for it!

Sincerely,

Marian Lien,
Interim Director