**GEORGIA HOPE** **INC**

REFERENCE FORM

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To: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Person/Agency Providing Reference)

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Re: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Applicant #1)

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(Applicant #2)

Your name has been provided by the above named applicant(s) who have applied to become a foster/adoptive parent with **Georgia Hope, Inc.** foster care and adoption agency. Our agency is responsible for completing an assessment on all applicant(s). The purpose of this assessment is to determine if this family can provide a safe and nurturing home environment for a child in the custody of DFCS. Your reference will be used as a part of the applicant(s) assessment.

1. What is your relationship to the applicant(s)?

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1. How long have you known the applicant(s)?

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1. If the applicants are a couple, please describe their relationship?

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1. To your knowledge, what kind of experience does the applicant(s) have with children? (ie. childcare, parenting, previous foster care)

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1. What do you think is the applicant(s) greatest asset or skill in parenting?

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1. Please describe ways in which you have observed the applicant(s) discipline children?

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1. To your knowledge has the applicant(s) demonstrated any behaviors that cause for concern? □ Yes □ No If yes, Explain:

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1. The following is a list of problem behaviors. Have you witnessed or do you have knowledge that any of these behaviors have been a problem for the applicant(s)? Check the appropriate box.

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|  | Applicant #1 | | Applicant #2 | |
| Name: | | Name: | |
| Alcohol/drug use | Yes | No | Yes | No |
| Child Abuse | Yes | No | Yes | No |
| Violent behavior | Yes | No | Yes | No |
| Compulsive gambling | Yes | No | Yes | No |
| Deviant sexual behavior | Yes | No | Yes | No |
| Mental illness | Yes | No | Yes | No |
| Criminal activities | Yes | No | Yes | No |
| Poor money management | Yes | No | Yes | No |
| Other: | Yes | No | Yes | No |

If you have checked “yes” to any of the above issues, please provide details:

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1. How well do you think the family will adjust to fostering or adopting a child?

□ Very well □ Well □ Somewhat well □ Not very well □ I do not know

1. Do you think the applicant(s) has the ability to manage any problems associated with fostering or adopting, should any arise? □ Yes □ No If yes, Explain:

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1. How comfortable would you feel allowing the applicant(s) to care for your child permanently if you were unable to do so?

□ Very comfortable □ Comfortable □ Somewhat comfortable

□ Uncomfortable □ Very uncomfortable □ Not applicable

1. Do you know of any reason why this applicant should not serve as a foster/adoptive parent? □ Yes □ No If yes, Explain:

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1. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **□ recommend / □ do not recommend** the applicant(s) as a resource for your agency (check one).

Additional Comments:

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Signature of reference or individual conducting interview and title (if applicable)

**Previous Foster Care Agency Use only:**

1. Does applicant(s) have any corrective actions on file within the last 12 months?

□ Yes □ No If yes, Explain (include date, incident and corrections) Attach additional sheets if necessary:

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1. Does applicant applicant(s) submit monthly documentation timely?

□ Yes □ No If no, Explain:

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3. Does applicant keep current on medical and therapeutic needs of children in care?

□ Yes □ No If no, Explain:

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1. Does applicant attend annual training as required? □ Yes □ No If no, Explain:

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Other Comments not referenced above:

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*A CPS investigative report will be conducted on all applicants.*