

**WOMEN'S BEAN PROJECT** 

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to write a glowing letter of recommendation for Paul Kelly and his wonderful business the Serious O'Sillies.

The Women's Bean Project is a non-profit organization in Denver that offers transitional employment to women who come from backgrounds of chronic poverty, unemployment and reliance on public assistance. We throw a summer picnic each year to honor our staff, participants, board and neighbors. The group is invariably diverse and although the participants and staff know each other well, this is the first opportunity for families to interact. Creating a fun, relaxed and inclusive atmosphere is often tricky.

Paul Kelly as Connor the Clown did a fantastic job welcoming adults and children, getting everyone involved and dissipating any awkwardness anyone may have felt. His ability to delight and include children and their parents was impressive, as was his ability to time his activities to flow with the 'spirit' of the party.

Of course, none of the above addresses his considerable juggling talent and his eagerness to teach anyone the basics. From a three year-old to the chair of board, he had everyone learning and laughing.

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Sincerely,

**Executive Director** and the entire 1998 Summer Picnic Committee