



LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT

TO: The Friends of Oklawaha Greenway
FROM: Hands On!-A Child's Gallery
RE: Oklawaha Greenway Support

Hands On! is proud to have the new phase of the Oklawaha Greenway open and a part of our community. Thank you for asking us to partner in the ribbon cutting ceremony to invite children and families to be a part of the event. We are eager to utilize this natural area further to assist us with our mission of providing educational experiences that stimulate the imagination and motivate learning in a fun, safe environment and look forward to our upcoming *Nature Nuts* program.

Outdoor play and exploration encourages children to use their imagination, inspires curiosity of the natural world, provides physical activity, and ultimately produces better stewards of the land. We are grateful to The City of Hendersonville for opening this new trail and for giving us the opportunity to enjoy more nature in our beautiful community.

We applaud the efforts of your group, The Friends of the Oklawaha Greenway, in accomplishing your goals of ensuring the community is making good use of the current Greenway and encouraging an extension of the Greenway to Blue Ridge Community College. An extended Greenway would certainly provide additional opportunities for our community to explore our beautiful outdoors, and we at *Hands On!* would welcome an extension.

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Heather Boeke, *Executive Director*

September 16, 2016

Date