CKDU 88.1 FM

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing in support of Veronica Simmonds's submission of *StackStories* in the Special Programming category of the Community Radio Awards.

StackStories serves as a valuable public record of a long-standing local institution, the Spring Garden branch of the Halifax Public Library. Veronica very creatively installed a separate physical space within the building itself, where patrons could share their stories. In this welcoming environment, she was able to record a diverse array of new voices for our airwaves.

Each storyteller in *StackStories* is given room to speak at their own tempo, without intrusive editing. The program flows naturally from one story to another with the help of some well-chosen music. *StackStories* strikes a balance between reflection and celebration that befits the closing of a beloved public institution.

The broadcast of *StackStories* felt like a special event. Veronica did an excellent job promoting the program to the public, drawing new listeners to CKDU and demonstrating the continued relevance of community radio in Halifax.

Veronica has been a programmer at CKDU for four years, during which time she has demonstrated a commitment to unique, high-quality programming that engages the community. *Braidio,* her biweekly program during which she braids hair live on air, is one of the most original programs on our schedule. In April, Veronica hosted a public lecture on making mini-documentaries as part of *C-K-D-YOU Got Skills: A Workshop Series*, a free month-long skill-building series open to students and the community. As an elected member of our Programming Committee, she evaluates programming opportunities with empathy and insight.

StackStories stands out as a clear highlight in this year's programming at CKDU. I would not hesitate to recommend it for this award.

Sincerely,

Laura Peek,
Program Director