

December 16, 2019



The Honorable Gretchen Whitmer
Governor
P.O. Box 30013
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Governor Whitmer,

This letter serves as a testimonial to the services provided by the Grayling Michigan Works! Office.

In August the associates at the Grayling Kmart #9557 learned the store was going to be closing. This closure was going to affect over 30 people both part-time and full-time associates. Transfer to other locations were not going to be an option so on December 15th there were going to be many without a job.

We contacted the Michigan Works! office to see if they had any information to help this transition process. The help we received was beyond what we could have hoped. The team from Michigan Works! which included Alayne Hansen and Jackie Gransden, came to the store 5 times to work with our associates. With their help we were able to find jobs for most of the associates who were looking for positions and help several return to college using grant money.

During this stressful time the team from Michigan Works! showed incredible professionalism and treated our associates with the respect and compassion they needed to navigate the unsure future with hope and positivity.

The services provided by Michigan Works! are a great asset to our community for both job seekers and employers. We appreciate the efforts of Michigan Works! and hope there will be continued funding to keep their programs and services thriving for many years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Jodi Goodhue'.

Jodi Goodhue

Store General Manager

Grayling Kmart.