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To whom it may concern,

I am a mentor for the Gunnison Colorado chapter of MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers). Recently we had the great privilege of having Danielle Grosse do a presentation for our group. We were very impressed with Danielle for a handful of reasons.

1. She was professional. She made sure that every aspect of her presentation was on point, from her slide show to our meetings beforehand to work out all the details. I was well aware of what the presentation would be about and what she needed to make the program run smoothly well in advance. Little did I know that her personal notes which were on her laptop stopped working during her talk, as she didn't miss a beat and just kept going.
2. She was personable. She was warm and welcoming to everyone, exhibiting a kind smile to all she met. As she did her presentation, she shared stories and photos of her family and herself, which drew us in and kept us engaged.
3. She gifted us with some mementos to help us remember her main points. One of her gifts to us was a copy of an original art piece done by her daughter-in-law specifically for this program – such a treasure. Another gift was a small flashlight to help us to remember to be the light in the world, starting with our family and our children. Both very powerful and thoughtful representations.
4. She is a dynamic speaker. I spent several years in Toastmasters and am very aware of presentation styles. She is articulate, gives great eye contact, has a great rhythm, and doesn't get flustered when things don't go according to plan. She gave us time for questions and comments, and even led us in a group "exercise" at the end. In fact she was so engaging that in a room of 30 plus moms, she kept us captivated for over thirty minutes. That is not an easy task!
5. She is an amazing storyteller. To illustrate one of her points about the importance of raising your children well with foundational pillars of love, faith, truth, and more, she told a story about her daughter that brought tears to many an eye, including mine! It was a full-circle moment of how their parenting style was instrumental in helping their daughter make some huge life decisions when she was in a pinch.
6. She is a wealth of inspiration. Danielle is happy to share her enthusiasm and knowledge with the ladies and directed us to her website so that we can continue to be inspired as we raise our children in the best way possible.

At the end of each meeting, we allow 20 minutes for "table talk". This gives the moms at each table of 6 – 8 people time to discuss what they learned. The moms at the table I lead were excited to share their thoughts and said that the program was very equipping. They didn't want to stop talking when the time was up! These moms have so much on their plates and they often say that they enjoy the program but have a hard time remembering much once they leave. They commented on how the gifts of the art and

the flashlight will be helpful in remembering the main points. At our leadership meeting we all agreed that this program was definitely a highlight for our year!

I would highly recommend Danielle to anyone who is looking for an inspirational message. We were greatly blessed by her talk and hope to have the chance to hear her speak again.

Sincerely,

Kelly Osness

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