



The Mentoring Center of Central Ohio

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March 3, 2015

Community Connectors Grant Committee,

Dear Committee:

On behalf of the Mentoring Center of Central Ohio, I am writing in support of All THAT - Teens Hopeful About Tomorrow, a program committed to mentoring high-school teens to help improve their academic achievement, social skills and relationships with others. The Mentoring Center has greatly valued our collaboration with All THAT in enhancing knowledge and life skills for mentors, staff and students, and looks forward to continuing our strong partnership.

We are proud to support All THAT in its application for funding to Community Connectors to continue creating a long-term and trusting relationship with the youth that they serve so that these students can successfully transition into productive young adults and navigate easily outside of their own neighborhood.

The Mentoring Center of Central Ohio will introduce essential life skills training to All THAT students in the fall of 2015 with the support of an existing grant. In order to maximize this work, All THAT will benefit from the use of Community Connectors funding to provide additional life skills training to their youth and to hire the Mentoring Center to provide customized training to mentors that focuses on unique situations that apply to the youth in their program. Per a Memorandum of Understanding as a partner agency, the Mentoring Center provides All THAT one background check per mentor free of charge (valued at \$33/each for all active mentors) and provides free centralized training to mentors where they would convene and share experiences with mentors from other partner agencies.

We recognize the importance of All THAT with its work to improve the overall well-being and quality of life of their mentees. All THAT targets an underserved population within their community. With more than 5 years in operation and several years of experience by staff, All THAT has vital knowledge and a close network in the community to address its very specific needs.

We are proud to support All THAT - Teens Hopeful About Tomorrow and its application to Community Connectors to further help children through mentoring, tutoring and enrichment services.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kimeta A. Dover, Executive Director

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