CHILLICOTHE
OHIO'S FIRST CAPITAL

JACK A. EVERSON
MAYOR

Richard Ross, State Superintendent
Ohio Department of Education
25 South Front Street
Columbus, Ohio
43215-4183

Re: Community Connector Grant

Dear Mr. Ross:

The Office of the Mayor-City of Chillicothe is pleased to offer its support of the proposal for the Ohio Governor's Office and Department of Education's *Community Connector Grant Program Announcemen*t being submitted by Easter Seals Central and Southeast Ohio (ESCSO) and her community partners. ESCSO plans to collaborate with the Goodwill Industries, City of Chillicothe, Chillicothe City School District, and the Chillicothe Chamber of Commerce. This project will be creating an infrastructure of opportunity that will seek to break the cycle of generational workforce and educational immobility through the submission and implementation of the *Readying Our Children for Success* (ROCS) three year mentoring program. ESCSO has been a part of this community for over 50 years and has a long standing history of providing development opportunities for children and youth including mentoring and after school programs.

As Mayor of Chillicothe I pledge the support of my office by committing personnel from the various departments to serve as mentors and volunteers to the project in addition to providing the youth participating in the program an opportunity to receive pool passes during the summer program being operated by ESCSO.

It is my belief that the ESCSO is qualified to provide these services to individuals residing within the Chillicothe City School District. They recognize the important role that community engagement plays in the future of youth residing in Chillicothe. By supporting these youth and investing in them now will reap the dividends necessary to sustain and secure Chillicothe's economic future and well-being. ESCSO has a proven history of effectively serving this generation of children and therefore, I strongly endorse funding their proposal.

Sincerely,

Jack A. Everson
Mayor

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Mission
The Chillicothe Ross Chamber of Commerce promotes economic and community development by addressing important business issues.

Richard Ross, State Superintendent
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Re: Community Connector Grant 3/2/15

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The Chillicothe Ross Chamber of Commerce is pleased to offer its support of the proposal for the Ohio Governor's Office and Department of Education's Community Connector Grant Program Announcement being submitted by Easter Seals Central and Southeast Ohio (ESCSO) and its community partners. ESCSO plans to collaborate with the Goodwill Industries, city of Chillicothe, Chillicothe City School District, and the Chillicothe Ross Chamber of Commerce.

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Thank you,

Randy Davies
President/CEO

Cc: Pandora Dupras

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WALNUT STREET UMC

Richard Ross, State Superintendent
Ohio Department of Education
25 South Front Street
Columbus, Ohio
43215-4183

Re: Community Connector Grant

Dear Mr. Ross:

The Walnut Street United Methodist Church is pleased to offer its support of the proposal for the Ohio Governor's Office and Department of Education's *Community Connector Grant Program Announcement* being submitted by Easter Seals Central and Southeast Ohio (ESCSO) and her community partners. ESCSO plans to collaborate with the Goodwill Industries, City of Chillicothe, Chillicothe City School District, and the Chillicothe Chamber of Commerce. This project will be creating an infrastructure of opportunity that will seek to break the cycle of generational workforce and educational immobility through the submission and implementation of the *Readying Our Children for Success* (ROCS) three year mentoring program. ESCSO has a long standing history of providing development opportunities for children and youth adults including mentoring and after school programs.

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Lori Lossie

Pastor Lori Lossie
Lead Pastor
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Our Vision
is to become an Acts 2 Community, growing in love, sharing the gospel with every person in Ross County and beyond.

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Richard Ross, State Superintendent
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25 South Front Street
Columbus, Ohio
43215-4183

Re: Community Connector Grant

Dear Mr. Ross:

This letter is to confirm that Ross County Community Action strongly supports the proposal of Easter Seals of Central and Southeast Ohio (ESCSO) for the Community Connector Grant. ESCSO has a well-established history of effectively administering programs that enhance the growth and development of children and young adults. These include educational, mentoring, and after-school programs. The project that will be funded by this grant is entitled "Readying Our Children for Success" (ROCS). ROCS will be a three-year mentoring program designed to increase the employability and/or the educational potential of participants. Many program participants will be caught in the generational cycle of educational underachievement and/or unemployment. The ROCS Program is designed to help them break that cycle.

ESCSO also has a well-established history of maintaining strong collaborative relationships with organizations throughout our community. The community partners of ESCSO on this project will include Goodwill Industries, City of Chillicothe, Chillicothe City School District, Chillicothe Chamber of Commerce and others.

We firmly believe that ESCSO is fully qualified to provide these services to individuals residing within the Chillicothe City School District. They recognize the important role that community engagement plays in the future of our youth. By supporting and investing in youth, we help establish the foundation for the future economic success of our area.

Again, ESCSO has a proven history of effectively serving children and young adults. It has all organizational attributes necessary to assure the success of ROCS. Accordingly, I again strongly endorse funding their proposal.

Sincerely,

B. Wayne McLaughlin, Executive Director

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February 24, 2015

Community Connectors

RE: Letter of Support

To Whom it May Concern

We are writing this letter in support of the grant application submitted by Easter Seals of Central and Southeast Ohio titled Readying Our Children for Success.

Easter Seals of Central and Southeast Ohio, in conjunction with community partners will be working with students grades 5-12 to uplift this population of children that all too often get left behind because of circumstances beyond their control including poverty, poor parental guidance, economic instability and desolate surroundings.

We feel this project will have an impact both economically and socially on students, educators, mentors and families.

Please consider the Readying Our Children for Success program for funding through Easter Seals of Central and Southeast Ohio.

Sincerely,

Keith E. Alcorn

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C.E.O

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Sincerely,

Dr. Mark A Conner

GLATFELTER
Beyond Paper

February 27, 2015

Richard Ross, State Superintendent
Ohio Department of Education
25 South Front Street
Columbus, Ohio
43215-4183

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Dear Mr. Ross:

Glatfelter is pleased to offer its support of the proposal for the Ohio Governor's Office and Department of Education's *Community Connector Grant Program Announcement* being submitted by Easter Seals Central and Southeast Ohio (ESCSO) and her community partners. ESCSO plans to collaborate with the Goodwill Industries, City of Chillicothe, Chillicothe City School District, and the Chillicothe Chamber of Commerce. This project will be creating an infrastructure of opportunity that will seek to break the cycle of generational workforce and educational immobility through the submission and implementation of the *Readying Our Children for Success* (ROCS) three year mentoring program. ESCSO has a long standing history of providing development opportunities for children and youth adults including mentoring and after school programs.

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Sincerely,

Mitzi L. Anderson
Sr. Human Resources Manager
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