



by Columbus Housing Partnership

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Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives
77 South High Street
30th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: Homeport's Grant Proposal

Dear Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives:

I am pleased to submit a letter of reference for Homeport in regard to their recent request for a Community Connectors grant. The Huntington National Bank supports Homeport as an organization that is strengthening communities and providing stability for thousands of low-income families. Homeport's educational programs for children have had a profound effect on the children in their communities and I am happy to endorse the enhancement of the Emerald Glen program to include mentorship.

Homeport is an outstanding organization that is making a difference in the lives of thousands of Central Ohioans through housing development and community revitalization, education and foreclosure counseling, and quality educational programming such as the one in this application. I urge you to consider Homeport's request for funding. Community Connector's financial investment would enable Homeport to accelerate the success of their mission of creating and preserving healthy, stable and affordable communities, one neighborhood, one person at a time.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. O'Hara, Jr.

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