

March 2, 2015

Dear Community Connectors Grant Review Committee,

On behalf of Cincinnati Children's Hospital, I support and will collaborate with Images of Excellence 2, Inc. on the implementation of the **Project L.E.A.D.** mentoring program at Rockdale Academy and South Avondale Elementary Schools. We believe that this is a unique opportunity to address the Opioid Epidemic by using an evidence based prevention program with youth in grades 5-6.

We will collaborate by:

- Participating in Leadership Team meetings each month
- Providing mentors for the program when possible
- Developing workshops for Mentees/Mentors
- Donating 15% of the fundraising cost

The overall goal of this grant is to teach youth grades 5-8 the importance of being a Leader in the community, classroom, and at home. The youth in the Avondale area have been exposed to a variety of circumstances that can be discouraging and lead to negative future, if there isn't some intervention. **Project L.E.A.D.** will provide youth with the necessary skills to be able to Live, Encourage, Achieve, and Dream.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tori Ames". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tori Ames
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center