

Feb. 12, 2015

Dear Community Connectors Grant Review Committee,

On behalf of Kroger, 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 provide the need for positive role models in the life of young people using evidence-based research to develop an effective mentoring program.

We will collaborate by:

- Participating in Leadership Team meetings each month
- Providing mentors for the program
- Developing workshops for Mentees
- Providing in-kind services such as food donations for events

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,

*Jennifer Stone*

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