



March 4, 2015

Doug Boquist, Pastor
Lima Community Church
2945 N. Cole Street
Lima, Ohio 45801

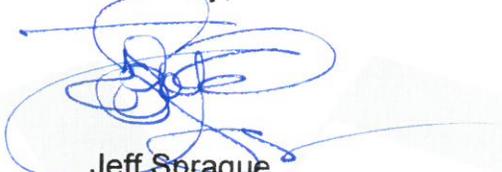
Dear Pastor Boquist,

The Allen Economic Development Group (AEDG) is pleased to offer this letter of support to Lima Community Church for the Lima Allen County Mentoring Network application.

The Allen Economic Development Group is the lead economic development organization for Allen County. Allen County's economic base is expanding and the need for a specific skilled workforce is increasing to stay competitive in the global economy. Lima/Allen County is home to great businesses and they are looking to fill many open positions.

The workforce development process we are building in the greater Lima/Allen County region through the "Link Lima/Allen County" will benefit from your mentoring program. The Allen Economic Development Group recognizes the importance and impact this mentoring program can have in our community and we are committed to working collectively towards a better community.

Sincerely,



Jeff Sprague
President/CEO

THE STRENGTH
OF PEOPLE OF PLACE OF PARTNERSHIP

March 4, 2015

Dear Community Connectors grant team,

The Lima/Allen County Chamber of Commerce which represents over 960 members is pleased to endorse and provide its support to the Lima Community Church and future Lima Allen County Mentoring Network, which will benefit the youth of Allen County.

I expect that the Small Business Leadership Team, organized as part of our "Link Lima/Allen County" initiative, will be eager to promote and recruit mentors from our Chamber member companies for the Mentoring Network you are planning to launch, once funded by the Community Connectors grant you are seeking.

Included on our Small Business Leadership Team are representatives from such local employers as Bigby Coffee, Holiday Inn & Suites, Longmeier Printing & Advertising, Old Fort Bank, Proforma Add A Line, ServiceMaster "At Your Service", Sign Solutions of Ohio, Swartz Contracting, The Meeting Place on Market, Yazel's Flowers & Gifts, Sielschott Financial Services, WOW Media Marketing, Quality Ready Mix, and others.

We wish you the best of luck in your pursuit of this funding, and look forward to your benefitting the Lima/Allen County community that we mutually serve.

Sincerely,



Jed Metzger
President/CEO



Allen County

05 March 2015

John R. Kasich, Governor
State of Ohio
77 South High Street, 30th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: Partner Letter of Commitment

Dear Gov. Kasich,

We are happy to provide this letter of commitment to express our support for Lima Community Church and their partners, who are submitting a grant proposal for your Community Connectors program.

OhioMeansJobs Allen County recognizes the importance of the K-12 aspect of the OhioMeansJobs system. The mentoring program being built by the Lima Community Church and their partners will greatly enhance the interest of a student by getting them involved with an adult mentor in our community. The mentor relationship will be instrumental in reaching youth to help them develop the character aspects that will translate to a good work ethic in their formative years.

We share your conviction, Mr. Governor, that in order for true change to come to our communities, we must begin with young people who are in great need of mentors and role models. We are fully in support of a program that aims to bring character development, leadership skills, and a positive future to our young people and thus to our communities.

Because of this, we pledge our active support of the ideas described in this grant. Furthermore, we are honored to be one of the collaborators in such a program, and we eagerly anticipate the profound impact it is sure to have here in Allen County for years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Patton".

Joe Patton
Workforce Development Coordinator
OhioMeansJobs Allen County

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From the Desk of
Matt Childers, *President*

06 March 2015

John R. Kasich, Governor
State of Ohio
77 South High Street, 30th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: Partner Letter of Commitment

Dear Gov. Kasich,

We are happy to provide this letter of commitment to express our support for Lima Community Church and their partners, who are submitting a grant proposal for your Community Connectors program.

We are in support of this program whether or not the grant is approved, and we will encourage our employees to become mentors. We do hope the grant will be approved for the expediency of implementing this program. We are also willing to use our five radio stations to promote this opportunity and have pledged \$1,000 a month in free airtime and advertising on our web pages.

We share your conviction, Mr. Governor, that in order for true change to come to our communities, we must begin with young people who are in great need of mentors and role models. We are fully in support of a program that aims to bring character development, leadership skills, and a positive future to our young people and thus to our communities.

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Sincerely,

Matt Childers
President/CEO
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06 March 2015

John R. Kasich, Governor
State of Ohio
77 South High Street, 30th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: Partner Letter of Commitment

Dear Gov. Kasich,

We are so excited to provide this letter of commitment and support for Lima Community Church and their partners, who are applying for the Community Connectors Grant. Whether the grant is approved or not, we are in support of this program and the lasting benefits it would have on our community, county and beyond.

Mr. Governor, we affirm your belief and conviction that for true, lasting change to come to a community, we must start by investing in our young people by providing excellent role models who can mentor them. We support this program because it aims to develop character, build leadership skills, and invest in our young people, which will provide a lasting benefit to our community, county, and beyond. Our church has certainly witnessed and experienced the need for a program like this in our hurting community where so many young people grow up without fathers and mentors.

Therefore, we pledge our active support of the ideas described in this grant. Furthermore, we are honored to be one of the collaborators in such a program, and we eagerly anticipate the profound impact it is sure to have here in Allen County for years to come.

Sincerely,

Rick Schwartz
Pastor of CrossPoint Community Church



**GRACE FELLOWSHIP
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06 March 2015

John R. Kasich, Governor
State of Ohio
77 South High Street, 30th Floor
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Gov. Kasich,

We are happy to provide this letter of commitment to express our support for Lima Community Church and their partners, who are submitting a grant proposal for your Community Connectors program.

We are in support of this program whether or not the grant is approved, and we will encourage the members of our congregation to become mentors. We do hope the grant will be approved for the expediency of implementing this program.

Mr. Governor, we share your conviction, that in order for true change to come to our communities, we must begin with young people who are in great need of mentors and role models. We are fully in support of a program that aims to bring character development, leadership skills, and a positive future to our young people and thus to our communities.

We are honored to be one of the collaborators in such a program, and we eagerly anticipate the profound impact it is sure to have here in Allen County for years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Nathan Branim". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Pastor Nathan Branim
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Re: Partner Letter of Commitment

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We are in support of this program whether or not the grant is approved, and we will encourage the members of our congregation to become mentors. We do hope the grant will be approved for the expediency of implementing this program.

We share your conviction, Mr. Governor, that in order for true change to come to our communities, we must begin with young people who are in great need of mentors and role models. We are fully in support of a program that aims to bring character development, leadership skills, and a positive future to our young people and thus to our communities.

Because of this, we pledge our active support of the ideas described in this grant. Furthermore, we are honored to be one of the collaborators in such a program, and we eagerly anticipate the profound impact it is sure to have here in Allen County for years to come.

Sincerely,

Senior Pastor,
Michael Boyes



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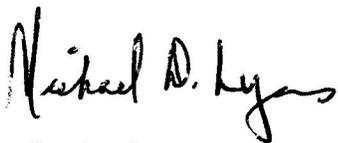
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We are in support of this program whether or not the grant is approved, and we will encourage the members of our congregation to become mentors. We do hope the grant will be approved for the expediency of implementing this program.

We share your conviction, Mr. Governor, that in order for true change to come to our communities, we must begin with young people who are in great need of mentors and role models. We are fully in support of a program that aims to bring character development, leadership skills, and a positive future to our young people and thus to our communities.

Because of this, we pledge our active support of the ideas described in this grant. Furthermore, we are honored to be one of the collaborators in such a program, and we eagerly anticipate the profound impact it is sure to have here in Allen County for years to come.

Sincerely,



Senior Pastor
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March 4, 2015

John R. Kasich, Governor
State of Ohio
77 South High Street, 30th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: Partner Letter of Commitment

Dear Governor Kasich,

I am writing to express my support for Lima Community Church and their partners, who are submitting a grant proposal for the Community Connectors program. Lima Community Church has already taken the lead in bringing a mentoring program for elementary students to our community that has been very well received by the schools, and so I know they have both the motivation and the capability to implement a new program that will help middle school and high school students.

Whether or not the grant is approved, I am in support of their proposed program, and will encourage the members of my congregation to become mentors; however, I do hope the grant will be approved so that the program can be implemented quickly.

Thank you for initiating Community Connectors to establish mentoring programs. I share your conviction that in order for true change to place in our community, we must begin with our young people who are in great need of mentors and role models.

Sincerely,

John M Heyward
Senior Pastor



March 6, 2015

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77 South High Street, 30th Floor
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We are happy to provide this letter of commitment to express our support for Lima Community Church and their partners, who are submitting a grant proposal for your Community Connectors program.

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We share your conviction, Mr. Governor, that in order for true change to come to our communities, we must begin with young people who are in great need of mentors and role models. We are fully in support of a program that aims to bring character development, leadership skills, and a positive future to our young people and thus to our communities.

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In HIS Service,

Mark A. Bayliff

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