

The Minerva Fund of Akron, Ohio

"a public charity 501(c)(3)"

P.O. Box 62, Akron, Ohio 44309-0062

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Dear Sir/Madam,

The Minerva Fund of Akron, a 501(c) (3) charitable organization, is most pleased to provide this letter of support to Project GRAD Akron in their pursuit of funding through the Community Connectors grant opportunity. The mission of our organization is to improve the quality of life of individuals by supporting educational, economic, physical and mental health, international awareness, and social and cultural awareness activities in the greater Akron community.

All of the members of the Minerva Fund are members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., a public service organization committed to sisterhood, service, and scholarship. The members of both organizations are college-educated, in good standing in the community, and hold positions in corporate, government, education, social services, medicine, law, to name a few.

Our organization has collaborated with Project GRAD Akron on numerous activities and scholarship events. We have most recently collaborated for "Cooking for a Cause," a fundraising event to raise dollars for both of our organizations supporting our shared commitment to education for our young people. Additionally, students in the Delta Academy and Delta Gems programs, an initiative to increase the math and science skills of middle schools and high school girls is one of funded programs. Many of these students are also Project GRAD students. It is our shared belief that education is the key to our youth's future successes and we want to continue to support their journeys in any way we can. The Community Connectors grant would provide the opportunity for Project GRAD to expand their current programming to include the provision of mentors for the students.

Members of our organization understand the importance, impact, and benefits of students developing a close relationship with a responsible and caring adult, who is not their parent. Our organization is committed to assisting Project GRAD with the recruitment of qualified and dedicated adults to serve as mentors to our youth at Buchtel Community Learning Center.

Since 2002, Project GRAD has made a tremendous impact on our community through services, programming, and scholarships for students and families. GRAD Mentors! will enhance the current programming Project GRAD provides as well as serve as an opportunity for our organizations to again collaborate in the name of education.

Sincerely,



Margaret A. Roberts

President