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Lisa Bramhall
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Dear Ms. Bramhall

Big Brothers Big Sisters is not your typical organization. We change children's lives for the better, forever by engaging volunteers to form personal one-to-one relationships with youth facing childhood adversity. We nurture children and strengthen communities. That's why we were so excited to hear about the initiative for high school students in South Elyria.

The older a young person becomes, the less likely we are to find a volunteer in the traditional model. However, this structured approach with a concrete project and curriculum around career readiness will help volunteers feel comfortable and capable of connecting with a teen.

Effective mentoring relationships have a direct and lasting effect on the lives of young people, keeping them in school, off drugs and getting along better with others. While mentoring can happen naturally, the more barriers and risk factors for the youth, the more support is required to successfully engage volunteers. We are comfortable partnering, supporting and associating our name to this project as we believe that high level of care and support is present.

Thank you for taking the initiative to help a truly underserved population through this proposal.

With Warm Regards,

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