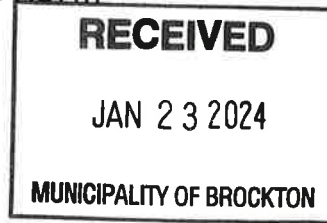




## BRUCE GREY MENTORSHIP

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January 18, 2024

Ms. Trish Serratore  
Chief Financial Officer  
Municipality of Brockton

Dear Trish,

Greetings! We would like to submit a letter of request to the Municipality of Brockton for funding assistance in 2024 as we facilitate various positive mentoring opportunities for local children and youth.

Bruce Grey Mentorship has been mentoring children and youth in our community since 2017. We have seen over 40 kids enter our program and receive necessary and positive support during their growing years. Currently 24 of those are benefiting from weekly group programs with our mentors, being encouraged and supported in various ways.

In 2023 we were forced to run a deficit budget as we worked to regain the funding we lost during the Pandemic. In the wake of the Pandemic, many organizations such as ours, have encountered a harsher environment for funding with less individuals giving and less opportunities for funding available in our community.

Throughout 2023, we continued to connect with and support the young people we serve, using social mentoring programs. Social mentoring uses various social activities to create positive interaction opportunities with at-risk young people and our adult mentors. Through these programs, we create a safe place for our Mentees to learn social and life skills while developing confidence and self-esteem.

**Research has proven that mentoring children and youth does make a significant impact on their life.** The value of mentoring is significant for a community, helping guide young people away from negative behaviours and choices and providing them opportunities to learn positive ways to interact and respond to the community around them.

One youth began our program having meltdowns at each group. Social barriers and triggers were disrupting their ability to find success. Now they are an engaging teen that contributes to the discussions and positive spirit of the group. Another youth has participated in an anti-trafficking program. They have greatly improved their social skills and ability to identify right from wrong and are becoming better equipped to protect themselves.

Bruce Grey Mentorship offers families in need a key support in the lives of their children at absolutely no cost. We primarily serve families where 1 or both biological parent is absent, or there is a demonstrated need for additional support for a child. Many of our young people are from low income families and would not be able to afford other programs or services.

It is important for kids to have great role models to help them navigate the turbulence of adolescence. Funding our program is a key way to help us make a positive difference in young people's lives. We hope this year you will consider one of our key sponsorship levels for 2023:

**Presenting Partners \$10,000; Leading Partners \$3000; Partners \$1000; Supporters \$500**

Thank you for your consideration, we truly appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Greg Dow, Executive Director

Mission:

*To match children and youth, who will benefit, with mentors who will help them build confidence and self-esteem.*