Dear Trish,

Greetings! We would like to submit a letter of request for funding from the Municipality of Brockton to assist us in facilitating positive mentoring opportunities for local children and youth.

Bruce Grey Mentorship was founded in 2015 after the closing of the local Big Brothers Big Sister program. We serve children from families where 1 or both key parent is absent or where there is a demonstrated need. Our program provides a village of positive adults for our Mentees; to guide and support them as they grow.

Through group programs and individual mentoring pairs we create safe spaces for our Mentees to learn social and life skills, and to develop confidence and self-esteem. This connection to our “village” of Mentors can positively impact the young person’s mental health, academic engagement, social development and emotional well-being.

Bruce Grey Mentorship is a registered non-profit Charity serving children and youth from Brockton, Hanover and West Grey. We currently have 18 registered young people throughout our service area.

Research has proven that mentoring children and youth does make a significant impact on their life. Mentoring programs have been shown to break the cycle of generational poverty. Mentored children are more likely to attend post-secondary studies and are less likely to depend on social assistance as an adult.

Mentoring is an asset that provides building blocks for healthy development. Youth with higher assets are least likely to engage in problem alcohol use, violence, illicit drug use and sexual activity. Through mentoring, these children are more likely to do well in school, be civically engaged and value diversity.

Further, mentored young people especially those considered “at-risk” are more likely to engage in positive and productive activities and are less likely to suffer from mental health concerns.

The value of mentoring is significant for a community, helping to 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.

We hope you will consider supporting this local initiative to positively change lives in our community.

Additional information about our program can be found on our website. www.brucgreymentorship.ca.

We thank-you for your consideration and appreciate your support.

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.