

CONCERNED PARENTS ORGANIZATION OF JEFFERSON COUNTY

**723 CRYSTAL AVE
CRYSTAL CITY, MO 63019**

March 22, 2013

Mr. Jack Ginnever
President
Concerned Citizens for Crystal City
24 Mississippi Avenue
Crystal City, Mo 63019

Dear Concerned Citizens for Crystal City,

This letter has been prepared by Concerned Parents Organization of Jefferson County, with the intent to request for funds awarded to your organization as part of lawsuit settlement. Concerned Parents Organization of Jefferson County came into existence in 2005, founded by Mr. & Mrs. William Bill Overstreet and several dignitaries of the community. The intent of the organization remains, to commit our efforts to provide children with a "Better Chance for a Better Life" through education, participation and investigation. With the loss of our President Mr. Overstreet several years ago, our organization has been working to pick up the pieces and carry on with fulfilling some of the basic needs for the youth in the area. Some of the projects implemented by our organization include school board meetings with both Festus and Crystal City to better understand the changes and requirements of curriculum, passing that information on to the community. We also provided an "Out of School Jam" for youth, tutor and mentoring and college prep 101 financial aid. In the past year 2012 we worked in conjunction with GSBTC with school supply give away, by providing backpacks with Wal-Mart gift cards and snow cones for all participants. An informational meeting was held with St. Louis Job Corps to provide options for students struggling with the high school setting, as well as students with no finances to attend college, voter registration drive and a car show.

One of the projects Concerned Parents Organization of Jefferson County has been focusing on has been major talk in the media for several years "Childhood Obesity". In fact, the First Lady of The United States of America Michelle Obama has taken on the large task of educating our young people about the consequences of not eating a balanced diet and not getting proper daily exercise. Our proposal is provide Crystal City Elementary students with a "Healthy Youth for Life" segment, which will teach our children how to make healthy food/snack choices as well as the importance putting down the controller to go outside to hang out with friends. The youth are our future and our job is to teach them the right way to live healthier and longer lives.

To better describe our project "Healthy Youth for Life" segment Concerned Parents would like to bring in a celebrity athlete to focus on the importance of daily exercise and a certified nutritionist to talk about balanced meals and good healthy snacks. Youth will take part in exercise drills as to focus on the proper ways of doing them. All youth will be asked to sign a

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declaration committing to exercise fifteen minutes a day, as a result their name will be put in a drawing for one boy and one girl bike and the declaration will be displayed at the elementary school, at the discretion of the Principal. Each youth will get a shirt to remind them of the declaration they have made.

The budget for this event has been estimated to cost approximately \$8,000.00 breakdown is as follows;

- Speaker minimum of \$5,000.00 Speaker options Marshal Faulk Former Rams Football, Dawn Harper Olympic Gold Medalist, St. Louis Blues Hockey Player (only one will be chosen)
- T-Shirts for 300 students \$2,400.00 Made by Crystal City High School
- Two Youth Bikes (boy and girl for door prizes) \$150.00 each = \$300.00
- Bottled water \$150.00
- Juice drinks \$150.00

Celebrating our youth may be the only recognition and encouragement that child will receive. Unfortunately, many children today live with daily put downs and are not aware of their self-worth. Having this event will have a positive effect on the health decisions that are made by students on a daily bases. Lessons will be learned and life long memories will be made if we can make this event possible for Crystal City Elementary Students. Please know we are better together and we want to move forward, both efficiently and effectively. This proposal request will serve as a guide and give us direction, putting us on the right course and orientate us so we will know where we are, in order to find out where we are going. Thank you in advance for your consideration and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Josalyn Dunlap
President
Concerned Parents Org. of Jefferson County