

Warrenville

Youth & Family Services

March 14, 2017

Warrenville City Council
 City of Warrenville
 28W701 Stafford Place
 Warrenville, IL 60555
 Attn: Christine White

RE: Warrenville Youth & Family Services (WYFS) - Request for Sponsorship

Dear Mayor Brummel and Members of the City Council,

Please accept this request for a \$500 sponsorship of Warrenville Youth & Family Services' 2nd Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event scheduled for Monday, April 24, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Sweet Potato Café in Warrenville, Illinois. This event is designed to recognize our volunteers and acknowledge their significant, positive impact upon the Warrenville community. The evening will include dessert and coffee, and a volunteer awards presentation by WYFS Board President Beth Fairbanks.

Celebrating the individuals who donate their time to improve others' lives is an honor that we are committed to and it helps us retain volunteers from year-to-year. Last year, over 79% (more than 60) volunteers attended the Volunteer Appreciation Event and we anticipate that this year's attendance will be even higher. The requested sponsorship will be used to cover the cost of refreshments and will be needed no later than noon on the day of the event.

In FY2016, 76 WYFS volunteers provided 5,018 hours of service. 44 volunteers served weekly in WYFS' youth programs, 23 volunteers helped on a weekly or monthly basis to run Discoveries Resale Shop & Furniture (a social enterprise whose proceeds help fund WYFS programs and services) and nine one-time volunteers worked on a project to enhance the facility. Today, WYFS has a growing list of 91 faithful, committed volunteers serving across WYFS programs and at Discoveries.

WYFS is a division of Outreach Community Ministries, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that offers a full range of human service, educational and community development activities to the most vulnerable youth, individuals and families in DuPage County. Established in 1985 and located at 28W542 Batavia Rd in Warrenville, WYFS provides youth development programs, family stabilization services and a Hispanic outreach program to the greater Warrenville area. WYFS served more than 400 youth, families and adults in FY2016. Approximately 80% (321) of those served were Warrenville residents and 20% (80) were residents of Aurora, Winfield, Wheaton and West Chicago.

WYFS' **Family Stabilization Program** consists of case management and counseling. **Case Management** served 139 people in FY2016, 96% (133) of whom were low-income. 65% (13 of 20) of households at risk of homelessness received assistance and maintained their housing; 86% (12 of 14) of households at risk of utility shut-off received utility assistance and maintained their utility service. Overall, 86% (119 people) accessed support systems that increased their likelihood of self-sufficiency. WYFS' **Counseling Program** served 162 individuals in FY2016. 82% (133) of counseling clients were low-income and would struggle to receive counseling without access to WYFS. Of the 100

clients who attended four sessions or more, 91% (91) met their counseling goals or achieved improved functioning and 100% (100) reported improvement in their lives due to counseling.

WYFS' **Youth Development Programs** include Quest and Link Mentoring. **Quest** provides a structured and safe after school and summer environment for junior high and early senior high youth who are at risk of failure in school. The program includes academic coaching by adult volunteer tutors, life skills training, recreation and community service projects. In FY2016, 71 students participated in Quest, and the academic support they received helped 83% (59) of the students earn a "C" average or better at school. 91% (65) maintained or improved their overall grade point average and 93% (66) remained in good standing at school and in the community with no suspensions, expulsions, or arrests.

The **Link Mentoring Program** matches young people from Quest with caring adult volunteer mentors. The mentors develop friendships with their mentees through shared activities while offering guidance, support and encouragement. In FY2016, 29 students and 22 adult volunteers engaged in the program, enriching the lives of both mentor and mentee. Both Quest and Link Mentoring rely on dedicated community volunteers to provide these vital services.

Many families are just one life-event away from needing WYFS' services. Marie* came to the youth services building at WYFS clearly distraught over her two sons, Mike* and Ryan* (**names changed to protect privacy*). These once academically-successful adolescents had experienced significant declines in academic performance and were demonstrating some concerning behavior. Marie's family faced challenges that contributed to her sons' behavior: her ex-husband had recently been incarcerated; Marie had lost steady employment, forcing her family to move into her parents' two-bedroom apartment; and although Marie found new employment, she had to take on a second job to supplement her income.

Marie's sons enrolled in WYFS' Quest program and joined its academic coaching and mentoring programs. Mike, Marie's oldest son, was matched with a mentor who, upon learning about Mike's academic decline, volunteered to also tutor him in the academic coaching program. Ryan was matched with two separate volunteers, one for academic coaching and one for Link mentoring. These programs have made a significant difference in their lives.

Thank you for this opportunity to share about the valuable services that WYFS provides to residents of the City of Warrenton and for your kind consideration of our request. Because I will be out of town the week of the March 27 City Council meeting, I will send my representative to present this request and answer any questions you may have. Please feel free to contact me at amains@outreachcommin.org or 630.393.7057 should a question arise before then.

Sincerely,



Angela Mains, Director

Enclosure: Documentation of 501(c)3 status

COUNCIL SPONSORSHIP GUIDELINES

1. All requests must be in writing, submitted at least one month before the sponsorship is needed. A representative of the requesting agency must present the request to City Council in person and be available to answer questions.
2. A maximum amount of \$500 per sponsorship should be established.
3. Sponsorships can be to organizations outside the City, however, it is necessary to document that the organization benefits Warrenville residents. If more outside residents are benefited than Warrenville residents, attempts should be made to “prorate” the sponsorship amount to reflect the percentage of local residents benefited.
4. Individuals should not be able to receive funding. Receipt groups must be a 501 3(c) entity – proof of that status must be provided. The organization should have some permanence (i.e. not put together for funding then disbanded).
5. The donation should not go to support fundraising events or programs. Public tax dollars used to raise money for other agencies is prohibited.
6. Placing ads in community and school district type program books, which are fund raisers for those entities is acceptable. A secondary goal of such ads would be to support local businesses, specifically restaurants and entertainment venues. Proof of the ad being placed or the booklet being published must be provided to the City after it is published.
7. Requests must be specific. Details must be provided including what the donation will be used for, how the activity, organization and/or program will serve citizens of Warrenville (percent of Warrenville participants), when it is needed, how much is being requested, and what the purpose of the organization is.
8. Events and programs need not necessarily be in Warrenville if Warrenville residents are benefited. Capital purchases must be in Warrenville.
9. There is no limit on the number of sponsorships awarded each year. Sponsorships will be awarded on a first come, first served basis, and will be limited, in total, to the amount budgeted for the current fiscal year. An individual requestor can make multiple applications as long as they are for different sponsorships – i.e., the High School could make separate requests for band and football.
10. Funding limits are described above, and funding should be on a Fiscal Year basis to coincide with the City’s budget cycle.
11. Any applicant found guilty of violating, disobeying, neglecting, or refusing to comply with these guidelines shall be disqualified from submitting any future requests.
12. The use of sponsorship funds shall not result in a direct personal or private benefit to any City official.
13. Under the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment to the United States, public funding/donations cannot violate the following tenants:
 - The government's action must have a legitimate secular purpose;
 - The government's action must not have the primary effect of either advancing or inhibiting religion;
 - The government's action must not result in an "excessive entanglement" with religion.

HISTORY OF CITY COUNCIL SPONSORSHIPS

(01-40-48711)

Date	Amount	Group/Event Approved	Notes
2/20/2001	\$ 750	WAA	Council approved (5-3) a \$1,500 sponsorships for WAA & WGSA (\$750 each) from Mayor & Council account, after long debate over funding from Hotel/Motel funds.
	750	WGSA	
	\$ 1,500	FY 2001 TOTAL	
6/18/2001	\$ 470	County Fair bench	Council approved waiver of fees
7/16/2001		Marianjoy Race	
8/16/2001	450	Park District Soccer & Basketball Teams	
8/20/2001	250	Wolverines Soccer Club Banner	
	200	Operation Safe Celebration	
	250	WAA	
2/19/2002	250	WGSA	
	\$ 1,870	FY 2002 TOTAL	
7/15/2002	\$ 450	Park District Soccer & Basketball Teams	Banner sponsorship with logo) Operation Safe Celebration \$200 Team sponsorship
8/26/2002	250	Wolverines Soccer Club	
	200	Operation Safe Celebration	
3/3/2003	500	WAA	
4/7/2003	500	WGSA	
	\$ 1,900	FY 2003 TOTAL	
8/11/2003	\$ 450	Park District Soccer & Basketball Teams	
	500	Operation Safe Celebration	
2/2/2004	500	Community Partners in Poetry	
2/9/2004	500	WAA	
4/12/2004	500	WGSA	
	\$ 2,450	FY 2004 TOTAL	
9/20/2004	\$ 250	Park District Basketball Team	Action taken too late to contribute to the soccer sponsorship
11/1/2004	225	Park District Soccer Team	Council approves
	500	Operation Safe Celebration	
2/7/2005	500	WAA	
	500	WGSA	
	\$ 1,975	FY 2005 TOTAL	
7/25/2005	\$ 475	Park District Soccer & Basketball Teams	
11/14/2005	500	WWSHS Marching Band	
11/14/2005	1,000	Community Partners in Poetry	
2/21/2006	500	WAA	
	500	Operation Safe Celebration	
	300	St. Francis HS Post Prom Party	
	\$ 3,275	FY 2006 TOTAL	
7/11/2006	\$ 600	Park District	Soccer, Basketball, and Girl's Traveling League
11/13/2006	500	WWSHS Marching Band	
1/15/2007	500	Operation Safe Celebration	
	500	WAA	Field sponsorship
2/5/2007	500	WGSA	
3/18/2007	750	Johnson School	Stage production
4/2/2007	300	St. Francis HSI Post Prom Party	
	\$ 3,650	FY 2007 TOTAL	

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6/18/2007	\$ 475	Park District Soccer & Basketball Teams	
7/16/2007	100	Municipal Clerks of Illinois	Golf scramble fundraiser
7/17/2007	500	Bower & Johnson PTA's	Red Ribbon Week
11/19/2007	500	WWSHS wrestling club	
	500	WWSHS dance team	
1/21/2008	500	Operation Safe Celebration	
2/4/2008	500	WAA	
	500	WGSA	
	\$ 3,575	FY 2008 TOTAL	
7/21/2008	\$ 475	Park District	Soccer and Basketball teams
7/21/2008	100	Municipal Clerks of Illinois	
8/18/2008	500	Park District	Warrenville Youth Network
11/19/2008	500	WWSHS	Tiger Dance Team
11/19/2008	500	Tiger Wrestling Club	
12/8/2008	500	Community Partners in Poetry	
2/17/2009	500	WAA	
2/17/2009	500	Operation Safe Celebration	
	\$ 3,575	FY 2009 TOTAL	
8/17/2009	\$ 475	WAA	Youth Soccer and Basketball teams
9/21/2009	500	WYFS	
10/19/2009	500	Warrenville Arts Council	
12/7/2009	500	Wheaton Warrenville Wrestling Club	
2/16/2010	500	Operation Safe Celebration	
4/5/2010	500	WAA	
	\$ 2,975	FY 2010 TOTAL	
4/21/2011	\$ 500	WAA	
	\$ 500	FY 2011 TOTAL	
7/1/2011	\$ 475	WAA	Youth Soccer and Basketball teams
2/6/2012	500	Operation Safe Celebration	
	\$ 975	FY 2012 TOTAL	
2/4/2013	\$ 500	Operation Safe Celebration	
	\$ 500	FY 2013 TOTAL	
12/18/2013	\$ 500	Operation Safe Celebration	
	\$ 500	FY 2014 TOTAL	
7/30/2014	\$ 400	WWS paws Activity Program Book	
2/4/2015	500	Operation Safe Celebration	
	\$ 900	FY 2015 TOTAL	
9/2/2015	\$ 400	WWS paws Activity Program Book	
2/3/2016	500	Operation Safe Celebration	
	\$ 900	FY 2016 TOTAL	
2/8/2017	500	Operation Safe Celebration	
	\$ 500	FY 2017 TOTAL	

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