



May 23, 2019

Children's Bureau, Inc.  
1575 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana, 46202

Dear Selection Committee:

I am pleased to provide this letter in support of Fight for Life Foundation's application to the Children's Bureau for its proposed "Prevention Through Building Dreams" program.

Community Health Network strives to improve health and well-being in the communities we serve. Some of our most important care is delivered to students in 135 schools where nearly 200 of Community's nurses serve the schoolchildren. The health and wellness of these students is critical and is directly attributed to their academic success.

That's why we are eagerly planning the 2019-2020 roll-out of Fight for Life's "Building Dreams" curriculum in three of the eastside schools we currently serve: IPS Schools 105, 99, and 88. The additional services proposed under the "Prevention Through Building Dreams" will create safer home lives for the students we serve and decrease the risk of child abuse and neglect.

Community Health Network believes high-quality programs like Building Dreams can play a critical role in improving social, emotional, and academic outcomes for vulnerable students at our high-need schools. We are committed to assisting Fight for Life Foundation as it implements Prevention Through Building Dreams at the 3 selected schools, and to helping the Foundation continue to develop its relationships with families and teachers at the targeted schools.

Thank you for your consideration of Fight for Life Foundation's proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joyce Irwin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joyce Irwin,  
Community Health Network Foundation  
President and CEO



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**Carmen Sharp**

Principal

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Children's Bureau, Inc.  
1575 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana, 46202

Dear Selection Committee:

I am pleased to provide this letter in support of Fight for Life Foundation's application to the Children's Bureau for its proposed "Prevention Through Building Dreams" program.

Anna Brochhausen is dedicated to providing a safe, rich learning environment for our students; however, we know that some of our students face much less stable environments at home. The services proposed under the "Prevention Through Building Dreams" will create safer home lives for the students we serve and decrease the risk of child abuse and neglect.

Anna Brochhausen believes high-quality programs like Building Dreams can play a critical role in improving social, emotional, and academic outcomes for vulnerable students at our high-need school. We are committed to assisting Fight for Life Foundation as it implements Prevention Through Building Dreams at Anna Brochhausen, and to helping the Foundation continue to develop its relationships with the families and teachers we serve.

Thank you for your consideration of Fight for Life Foundation's proposal.

Sincerely,

Carmen Sharp  
Principal





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**Tihesha Henderson**  
Principal

To Whom It May Concern:

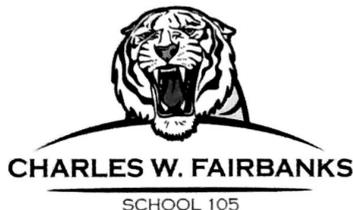
I am writing on behalf of Arlington Woods Elementary, #99 in support of Fight for Life Building Dreams proposal to create and sustain safe and positive school communities in the city of Indianapolis.

As an organization on the front lines of innovative youth services and program design, Building Dreams will be a partner we will collaborate with to address the issues our school faces. Be it consulting to provide professional development, keynote address to our participating students, or providing PBIS services; Building Dreams can be counted on to provide the highest level of culturally responsive services. This proposal would be a welcome addition to the many collaborations we have done.

We are excited about this innovative program that the Fight for Life Foundation Building Dream program, under the leadership of Marlin Jackson has created. As always, we expect nothing but great results from our family's participation in the program. We look forward to working with you in eliminating child abuse and neglect in our community.

Sincerely,

Tihesha Henderson  
Principal



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Paula Peterson Ed.D.  
Principal

May 24, 2019

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Dear Selection Committee:

I am pleased to provide this letter in support of Fight for Life Foundation's application to the Children's Bureau for its proposed "Prevention Through Building Dreams" program.

Charles W. Fairbanks IPS #105 is dedicated to providing a safe, rich learning environment for our students; however, we know that some of our students face much less stable environments at home. The services proposed under the "Prevention Through Building Dreams" will create safer home lives for the students we serve and decrease the risk of child abuse and neglect.

Charles W. Fairbanks IPS #105 believes high-quality programs like Building Dreams can play a critical role in improving social, emotional, and academic outcomes for vulnerable students at our high-need school. We are committed to assisting Fight for Life Foundation as it implements Prevention Through Building Dreams at Charles W. Fairbanks IPS #105, and to helping the Foundation continue to develop its relationships with the families and teachers we serve.

Thank you for your consideration of Fight for Life Foundation's proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paula Peterson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, decorative initial "P".

Paula Peterson, Principal



May 24, 2019

Children's Bureau, Inc  
1575 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana, 46202

Dear Selection Committee,

Papa John's Pizza Indianapolis is pleased to provide this letter in support of Fight for Life Foundation's application to the Children's Bureau for its proposed "Prevention Through Building Dreams" program.

We are proud to continue to partner with Fight for Life Foundation and it's many programs and have committed to help add value and participation to "Building Dreams".

Papa John's will provide to FFLF 50 gift cards a month to use to incentivize students hitting learning goals and most importantly parents/guardians that actively participate with their children's progress through this new innovative program.

Papa John's Pizza is honored to assist in this program as it plays a crucial role for our community and specifically it's children through social, emotional and academic learning. We are committed to assist and support in our small way and will continue to do so when the program expands.

Fight for Life Foundation with the implementation of Building Dreams is playing a major role in this community and it is our pleasure and goal to assist in its success.

Thank you for your consideration of Fight for Life Foundation's proposal.

Phil Olivencia

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May 29, 2019

Children's Bureau, Inc.  
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Indianapolis, Indiana, 46202

Dear Selection Committee:

I am pleased to provide this letter in support of Fight for Life Foundation's application to the Children's Bureau for its proposed "Prevention Through Building Dreams" program.

Marian University is dedicated to preparing transformational leaders for service to their communities. We share this same mission with Fight for Life Foundation. As such, we are excited to embark on a strategic, collaborative partnership with Fight for Life for the 2019-2020 academic year and beyond. We gladly welcome Fight for Life Foundation and the school communities they serve to our campus for professional development, field trips and family events.

Marian University believes high-quality programs like Building Dreams can play a critical role in improving social, emotional, and academic outcomes for vulnerable students at our high-need schools. We are committed to assisting Fight for Life Foundation in the construction and implementation of professional development sessions for partner schools, providing access to our campus facilities and reviewing and developing program materials as needed.

Thank you for your consideration of Fight for Life Foundation's proposal.

Sincerely,

*Allison Segarra Hansen*

Allison Segarra Hansen  
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# State of Indiana

# Senate

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30 May 2019

Children's Bureau, Inc.  
1575 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana, 46202

Dear Selection Committee:

I am pleased to provide this letter in support of Fight for Life Foundation's application to the Children's Bureau for its proposed "Prevention Through Building Dreams" program.

In my role as a State Senator, I am dedicated to providing a safe, rich learning environment for children; however, we know that some of our children face much less stable environments at home. The services proposed under the "Prevention Through Building Dreams" will create safer home lives for the students they serve and decrease the risk of child abuse and neglect.

I firmly believe high-quality programs like Building Dreams can play a critical role in improving social, emotional, and academic outcomes for vulnerable students in our high-need community. I am committed to assisting Fight for Life Foundation as it implements Prevention Through Building Dreams, and to helping the Foundation continue to develop its relationships with the families, teachers, and communities I serve.

Thank you for your consideration of Fight for Life Foundation's proposal.

Sincerely,



James W. Merritt, Jr.  
State Senator



December 3, 2015

Dear Marlin,

I'm writing this letter to thank you for your partnership and for providing the Fight For Life Foundation's exceptional Building Dreams character education curriculum to our scholars.

As a core part of our schools' enrichment program, the Building Dreams curriculum has done an exceptional job of teaching our children foundational values like love, gratitude, and perseverance in a simple, effective way. The program provides multiple methods for children to approach these concepts, to expand their vocabulary, and to deeply internalize values and beliefs. They not only have the opportunity to read age-appropriate stories about a concept like love, but also to step back and have a meaningful discussion with classmates and teachers in order to analyze what love really means. Further, the curriculum enables our scholars to dive deep into expressing these concepts and applying them to real-life situations. The effect of this approach has been tremendous. I recall an exceptional example when, after scholars learned about perseverance, a scholar who was traditionally frustrated by new problems that he did not understand quickly stated that he would persevere when learning a new concept.

You have also been a great and remarkably flexible partner, going above and beyond for our children. To have a Super Bowl-winning NFL player share his personal story in the classroom and at school events, one that relates so much to the personal stories of our children and families, is very powerful. Your consistent presence in the building further enhances the power of the program and truly inspires our scholars. We've been blessed, through another aspect of the foundation, to have brand new holiday gifts for our families every year. As an organization that serves nearly 1,000 children, to ensure that all of our families received a special holiday gift because their child had worked hard, been a good citizen, and persevered is just an incredible blessing. One parent approached me last year and said that although her finances had been tough and she was not going to be able to get her kids any new gifts that year, your generosity and your Foundation changed the holiday season for her family.

At PLA, we strongly value our children being able to read, write, and compute at high levels. Those "hard skills" are critical to success. In fact, while 93% of our children are eligible for Free or Reduced Price Lunch, 100% of our children passed the Indiana state reading proficiency exam last year by third grade. That said, we also understand that schools have a strong priority to develop good, ethical, and honest citizens and future leaders of the world. The Building Dreams curriculum has been a cornerstone in helping our young people inculcate the characteristics that they will need to develop into the future exceptional leaders we expect them to be.

Thank you for your partnership Marlin, and we look forward to growing our partnership to serve over 10,000 scholars in the coming years.

Peace,

Earl Martin Phalen  
Founder and CEO

December 2, 2015

As the Health and Wellness Coordinator of IPS schools, I am proud to share with whoever is concerned that IPS and Fight for Life will partner in 2016. Through our partnership we plan to serve at least 120 students at two IPS elementary Schools. At each school we will implement Fight for Life's quarter version of Building Dreams. We look forward to exploring the possibilities of this new partnership.

IPS prepares and empowers all students for life, while Fight for Life helps youth develop Social and Emotional qualities needed to be successful in life. Together, we plan to cultivate with in IPS students the Social and Emotional qualities needed to be successful in life.

Sincerely,

Kathy Langdon

Shortridge High School | Athletic Director | Administrator | Health & Wellness Facilitator



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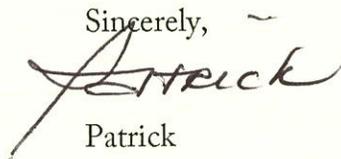
November 27, 2015

In 2015, the Saturday Evening Post Society (SEPS) established a partnership with the Fight for Life Foundation and its founder Marlin Jackson. Both organizations share a mission of helping underserved youth develop the physical, social, and emotional skills needed to be successful in life.

To achieve its shared mission, SEPS and Fight for Life are collaborating on the Forever-Fit Summer Camp (FFSC) program, an initiative launched by the SEPS in 2011. The six-week FFSC program includes structured nutrition- and exercise-based activities, as well as group discussion to support social and emotional development. FFSC will include the Building Dreams curricula, developed and owned by the Fight for Life Foundation, to promote the social and emotional development of youth, as well as nurture leadership-, team-, and character-building skills.

In 2016, the Forever-Fit Summer Camp will again include the Building Dreams curricula in the six-week FFSC program, which will be overseen by the American Foundation for Preventive Medicine (AFPM), a sister nonprofit of SEPS — and continue to operate at the Fitness Farm in Indianapolis.

We are grateful for the collaboration with the Fight for Life Foundation and its President Marlin Jackson.

Sincerely,  
  
Patrick

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