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Our Youth Matters
Attn: Mr. Robert Mitchener,
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re: Our Youth Matters, Inc.

Greetings Mr. Mitchener:

In addition to our recent conversations regarding your non-profit agency's desire to serve Wake County's court-involved adolescent population through exposure to community leaders, professional athletes & entertainers and successful entrepreneurs, I am aware of your agency's partnerships with other community agencies for the purpose of creating and establishing such opportunities for young people.

The North Carolina Department of Public Safety Court Services section adamantly supports strong collaboration and communication among community stakeholders to address the needs of our youthful citizens across the Great State of North Carolina. My tenure as Chief Court Counselor has afforded me the pleasure of developing programs alongside various local non-profit agencies that share similar goals as those of our Department relative to the betterment of circumstances and opportunities for young people.

Therefore, I am excited to hear of your agency's interest and efforts regarding the creation of additional opportunities for court involved adolescents to enhance their interpersonal skills and talents through exposure to citizens who can (potentially) serve as mentors for success. On behalf of our local office, as we have referred many youth to your agency for participation in activities and programs, I convey to you our support as a community stakeholder regarding your ongoing efforts to invest in our State's greatest resource...its children.

It is my hope that your agency is successful in securing funding for the endeavors you have described to me. Please keep me informed as I look forward to discussing your agency's success in creating opportunities for success geared toward court involved youth of Wake.

Thank you for your commitment and dedication to the youth and families of Wake County.

Sincerely,

Donald W. Pinchback