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Lowes Home Improvement

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Dear Lowes Home Improvement:

“Project Healing Gardens to End Childhood Hunger”

Kids Need Support 2 Wellness & Learning Foundation, is a 501(c) (3) Corporation, dedicated to the health and wellbeing of children and our community; both locally and around the globe. This sense of duty and connection fuels our philanthropic ventures. We focus on academic enrichment, health literacy, childhood hunger prevention and nutritional wellness education to further support our efforts in keeping children healthy as a whole. When we say all children and families, we mean ALL children, including children with special needs and disabilities. Children with disabilities or other special needs include children with a specific diagnosis, as well as children who do not have a diagnosis but whose behavior, development, and/or health affect their family's ability to maintain early care and education services. We have made great impacts in the community through our after school programs and wellness and health literacy services.

Community Need: We service 212 children in the community in the greater northern and central areas of NJ. Keeping children off the streets through education, recreational activities, mentoring, financial literacy workshops, wellness and fitness workshops, nutritional and gardening classes, success journeys, also providing food security to those enrolled in our program. 100% of our families meet the state low income/ free reduced meals guidelines. The students are diversified, multicultural with ratios of 78% male and 22% females. The ages range from 4 years of age to 18. Kids Need Support bridges the gaps of social inclusion, combating crime rates in our communities which are caused when children are idle. We transform the mental view of community and self-destructiveness by teaching self-help skills to become community leaders, and entrepreneurs. We offer free fitness and wellness workshops to combat Diabetes, Obesity and other health disparities in youth. The children work in blended mentoring sessions learning how to make positive life transitions.

Kids Need Support 2, was founded in January 2011. Our targeted areas are specifically aimed at children and youth including those with special needs, children with disabilities, sensory impairments, at risk, undeserved, disadvantaged. We also focus on serving families, seniors and veterans in our programs. We offer targeted activities that challenge young people about their risk taking behaviors and help them to make positive choices. Specialist support provides young people with advice and access to services to deal with issues that affect their health and wellbeing. Each child receives free nutritional meals, while conducting S.T.E.M. and service learning. We offer mentoring, after school programs, recreational activities and volunteerism. Kids Need Support 2, is solely funded by the public and community donations, and some foundation grants. We operate solely on a volunteer basis and no salaries are allotted at this time. All contributions or gifts made to Kids Need Support 2, A NJ Nonprofit Corporation are tax deductible. We are a 501c 3 organization.

We are kindly asking for donations for our community garden to help combat childhood hunger and prevent diseases. We are building a garden to sustain the lives of children in every aspect and walk of life. We need to construct 5 raised garden beds and plant vegetables, fruits, herbs and plants that would combat their diseases.

All donations to help us in our efforts would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Singh - Treasurer