

November 3, 2011

Greetings Future Partners,

My name is Tammy Monroe and I am the President of Working In Progress, Inc. in Akron, Ohio.

Working in Progress (WIP) is a 501(c) 3 non-profit social service agency designed to reduce the risk of poverty by providing successful transition programs for youth ages 12 to 18 in the Akron community. WIP prepares and enables our youth to make a transition from the hallways of high school to the adventures of adulthood through coordinated activities based on the student's developmental needs, career preferences and educational goals.

Working In Progress is working very hard with several organizations in Northeast Ohio to provide a form that shows solidarity in Akron. We have a unique opportunity to provide an infrastructure for training and development for our young men all around Northeast Ohio and beyond.

Each year WIP host two conferences, one for young men and the other for young women. Last year over 300 young men, plus parents from around the Northeast Ohio attended our 3rd Annual "Call to Action" Young Men's Conference at the University of Akron. In addition, we held our inaugural Young Women's Conference in 2009 at YMCA-Voris CLC with over 30 young women, plus parents in attendance. I would like to see an increase next year and with your help, we can help more young men break out of the poverty mindset and break generational issues.

Working In Progress is unique to the city of Akron as it is one of the only organizations that focuses on providing a forum to discuss solutions to issues that young males and females face today. Some topics discussed at the conferences include, teen fatherhood, incarceration, positive male/female role models, growing up without a father, and mother/son relationships. The facilitators are encouraged to speak and discuss real life, day-to-day issues and solutions to handle them.

WIP would like this letter to serve as a humble invitation to be a financial partner with Working In Progress, 2012 Call to Action Young Men's Conference, Saturday, March 24, 2012 at the University of Akron. If you are unable to be a partner, please consider other options of support for the event (donations silent auction/fundraiser, monetary contributions, marketing/PR or prizes for the youth). All donations are tax deductible.

Increasing studies suggest that more efforts are needed to develop policy, programming and community based strategies to address the alarming circumstance of African American male youth. I believe with your help, matched with WIP's successful transitional youth programs, we can empower young men to become leaders and expose them to fundamental life skills that allow for effective decision making and to become responsible adults in society.

We must stand in the gap for our youth, until they are strong enough to stand for themselves and one day stand in the gap for someone else. If we don't, then who will?

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Feel free to contact me at anytime. I can be reached at tmonroe@workinginprogress.org, or 330.74.9472. Thank you in advance for your time, consideration and generosity. I truly look forward to hearing from your organization and working in cohesion with one another in the near future.

Attachments: WIP Supporter Application

Sincerely,

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WIP we're "Building Bridges to Possibilities"

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-Arthur C. Clarke

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