

July 21, 2009

A Hand Up Charitable Foundation  
Gregg Lisciotti, Trustee  
83 Orchard Hill Park Dr.  
Leominster, MA 01453

Dear Mr Lisciotti:

On behalf of the Lunenburg Board of Selectmen, who voted unanimously to send this letter, I am writing in support of the Chester Mossman Teen Center's grant application to your foundation. Since it has opened its doors, the Teen Center has provided (and continues to provide) a positive and supervised environment where kids can go and participate in the many activities (academic, social and athletic) that the staff develops and coordinates. It offers a much superior alternative to children being at home alone or roaming the streets, unsupervised - an all too common occurrence in our society today.

Now under the umbrella of the Boys and Girls Club, the dedicated staff continues to build a diverse set of programs to engage the young adults at every level possible. It currently has between 20-40 daily attendees involved in programs aimed at everything from academic achievement, social participation and cooperation and physical fitness and sportsmanship. Most important, the Center, through its offerings and with the guidance and leadership of a professional and caring staff, teaches mutual respect, self-reliance and personal responsibility: the essential skills in becoming an active and contributing adult. In a nutshell, it teaches children how to stand on their own and how to make good choices. It provides a strong foundation upon which the rest of their lives can be firmly built.

We have seen the difference it has made in our town, and it is a very positive one. We strongly believe in the work they do and we feel it is important that their work continue so that they may help young adults for years to come. Additionally, we believe it is a perfect fit for your foundation. We hope you do, too.

Respectfully,

Tom Alonzo  
Chair, Lunenburg Board of Selectmen