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Streetlight

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Streetlight is a team of 50+ UF students trying to bring a little 'Light' from the street
to adolescents and young adults at Shands Children's Hospital at AGH.
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Commissioner Henry
Mail Station 19
PO Box 490
Gainesville, FL 32602
Dear Commissioner;

I understand that Earnestine Gardner spoke with you about the project we are attempting with the Sickle Cell community from ours and surrounding counties that are served by Shands Children's Hospital. As you may or may not know Streetlight is a new program at SCH that specifically focuses on adolescents with critical, terminal or chronic illnesses. Many of these young people are clinically depressed because beyond the normal issues of being a teenager they are having to deal with cancer or sickle cell and the isolation and peer abandonment that follow. For some time now there has been a problem pulling the sickle cell community together, but we think that the plan we are working on has a good chance of success because our team of 50 UF volunteers (on the Streetlight team) have formed relationships with these sickle cell adolescents over the past year. Through their encouragement and work on this project we have a good chance of success and getting a large turnout of the SC community on April 12, 3 - 5PM.

I have included with this letter our outline proposal, which is what Earnestine said you needed to help us find a location for this event. We hope to have 50 - 100 in attendance - all counted - volunteers, teens and their parents. We would like to hang a large graffiti banner on the wall for all to sign in with their own personal touch. We'd like to put up other decorations, and will certainly comply with whatever standards there are for putting things up - like sticky tack instead of tape? We have a hard working group of Pre-Med students that will help with set up and take down and I will personally supervise everything that happens.

There is no money for this project, which is probably why it has not been attempted before, but we are determined to do whatever is necessary to raise money for gas vouchers, so that families can participate.

Please contact me through e mail rebadb@peds.ufl.edu or by phone 352-745-6644 as you consider the proposal. We appreciate so much your help with this project. Just so you know, we have the support of all the Sickle Cell doctors at Shands and their nurses, social workers and of course Earnestine Gardner with CMS.

Sincerely,


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IT'S ABOUT TIME...IT'S ABOUT CHANGE

Rebecca Brown

The Streetlight Sickle Cell project

- I. Target population ~ patients, family, parents, nurses, physicians associated with SCD
 - A. In-hospital promotion
 - B. Clinic promotion through flyers & personal invites
 - C. Through mail – Earnestine's contacts
 - D. By Phone – Streetlight team phone calls
- II. Transportation
 - A. Getting parental support
 - B. Gas vouchers?
- III. Fundraising for the Event
 - A. Sororities, fraternities – UF & SFCC
 - B. Any help from the city?
- IV. Details of Event
 - A. Location? Will ask for the city's help - proposal to Commissioner Henry
 - B. Date set – April 12th 3 – 5PM
 - C. Dr Lottenberg and Dr Sakhalkar, and medical staff confirmed & supportive
 - D. Dance Groups invited
 - E. Invite local DJ Terrah from Magic 101.3
 - F. Invite other UF students to get involved if interested
- V. Décorations
 - A. Streetlight theme / neon-look
 - B. Graffiti Banner
 - 1. as decoration
 - 2. as sign-in for participants
- VI. The Schedule
 - A. Mingle time - 30 minutes or more?
 - B. Main Event – Meeting Dr. Lottenberg & Dr. Sakhalkar
 - ~ through slides of the doctors, and testimonies from patients
 - C. Music by Amanda Garrigues, and a testimony by a young male with SC.
 - D. About how to make the transitions
 - E. Break Dance performance by Roc Boys?
 - F. Dancing, eating, mingling.