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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is an introduction to the Teen Enrichment Network (TEN), our history, and our goals for the future. Our mission is to provide the support youth need to succeed in today's society. We are a non-profit organization bringing together community, schools, parents, and teens in order to make a difference in the lives of our youth.

Our Teen Outreach Summits/Expos are specifically developed to fit the needs of our youth now. They experience relevant, real life truth about the difficulties facing youth and ways to navigate through those obstacles. Since our conception in 2016, we have conducted ten summits, the last of which was virtual. Our topics have covered Mentoring, Social Media, Peer Pressure, Police Relations, and Life After High School to name a few. Several of the summits included well received breakout sessions for teens as well as parents, and local talent including Eric Stanley, an in demand violinist, composer, arranger, and record producer. Our numbers have grown from approximately forty to over one hundred and fifty with interest growing daily. In the future, we hope to attract more families from surrounding jurisdictions and bring in well-known inspirational speakers.

As a result of the Summits, our TEN Scholarship Committee has awarded nine scholarships to graduating seniors totaling \$7,500.00 since 2017. Members of the graduating class planning on attending college in the fall following their graduation are eligible to submit applications for the scholarships in one of three ways with a theme based on the TEN's summit. They can create a two-minute public announcement video, write an essay of approximately 500 words, or create a power point presentation consisting of approximately ten slides.

Applications have been received from Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania, and Stafford counties as well as Fredericksburg City. We have awarded scholarships to students in Fredericksburg, King George, and Spotsylvania. When possible, the recipients' submissions can be seen on our website. We are continually impressed by all the applicants and wish we could award a greater number or higher amount.

In October of 2017, we began visiting several of the Spotsylvania high schools during study periods to do group mentor sessions. We have covered topics such as Power of Hope, Dream Snatchers, Integrity, Branding, Bullying, GPA and College Prep, Fighting, Four Sides of Life, Loneliness, Self-Talk, Labels, Action Plans, Accountability, and Finance. Again, we saw growth, both personal and in numbers, and gradually increased the number of schools participating each year.

We were blessed to have our last in person summit dealing with Diversity on February 29, 2020, before large gatherings were shutdown due to COVID-19. Hearing the needs for an outlet for our teens to come together, TEN took our mentor sessions online, meeting weekly from March through October 2020. We have since switched to a bi-weekly schedule, so we do not interfere with their schoolwork.

Teen Enrichment Network

While preparing for our Diversity summit, we met with a large group of teens several times a month. During those meetings, they expressed a desire to continue this practice as it gave them a platform where they could discuss topics important to them without fear of judgement. We agreed and began looking for a location to hold a Safe Zone gathering on a regular basis. Again, due to the COVID-19 restrictions, this was changed to a weekly virtual teen gathering place. On Thursday evenings, teens log in and discuss topics they have chosen, led by our Teen Officers, without adult participation. These meetings are well attended, and the teens normally stay online past the official meeting time to socialize.

In 2020, we recognized the future of Teen Enrichment Network resides in empowering our teens. Teen Ambassadors have been in the schools since 2018 and a Teen Advisory Board was appointed in 2019. The next logical step was to create Teen Officers. Our President, Vice President, Community Outreach Chair, Reporter, Recruiters, and Social Media Managers have given TEN a fresh voice, new growth, and teen insight.

The increased online presence, along with help from past mentors and supporters, brought TEN to the attention of online radio and podcast sites. We have joined with stormtalk365radio.com out of Richmond, Virginia, to present TEN Mentors for her Youth Connections Podcast on the third Sunday of the month. We have also shared some content from our Tuesday night mentor sessions as well as our first virtual summit with www.gmap1.com based in Chicago, Illinois, to be shown on Saturday evenings at 6:00 pm CST, 7:00 pm EST.

Funding for Teen Enrichment Network and the scholarships thus far, have come from fees charged to organizations purchasing table space at the expo and from private donors. After seeing the need for and the response to our organization, we realized the potential for growth. Plans to take students from ninth through eleventh grade on college tours, focusing on a wide range of state universities, private colleges, military academies, and trade schools, were begun prior to March 2020. Of course, these were placed on hold, but we still hope to add them in the future. In addition, we plan on increasing the number/amounts of future scholarships awarded to our exceptional local youth.

In order to further meet these needs, we are actively seeking donors/partners to participate in funding the Teen Enrichment Network and our Scholarship Program. Attached you will find the levels of sponsorship available. We are also open to fundraising activities. Please review the information, visit our website at www.teenenrichment.org, and contact us with any questions. We look forward to working with you to prepare our youth for a better future.

Sincerely,

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Teen Enrichment Network Sponsorship Levels*

Summit Sponsor: \$1500 –

- All funds will go to cover summit expenses
- Logo on sponsor section of website
- Naming rights for the summit
- Banner prominently displayed during summit
- Opportunity to speak at event
- Featured in press release for summit
- Reserved seating TEN hosted events throughout the year
- First choice of vendor table location

Scholarship Sponsor: \$1000 –

- All funds will go to the scholarship fund and can be broken down in increments of \$500
- Logo on sponsor section of website
- Naming rights of each sponsored scholarship
- Opportunity to present scholarship(s) to recipient(s) at summits and in schools
- Banner displayed at events
- Featured in marketing materials

Merchandise Sponsor: \$200 – 499

- All funds will go to purchasing TEN merchandise to be sold at events
- Logo on sponsor section of website
- Logo on merchandise table at all events

Gold Sponsor: \$1500 –

- All funds go to cover TEN administrative costs
- Logo on sponsor section of website
- Vendor table at summits
- Banner displayed at events
- Second choice of vendor table location after Summit Sponsor
- Logo included in marketing materials

Silver Sponsor: \$1000 – 1499

- All funds go to cover TEN administrative costs
- Logo on sponsor section of website
- Vendor table at summits
- Banner displayed at events
- Logo included in marketing materials

Bronze Sponsor: \$500 – 999

- All funds go to cover TEN administrative costs
- Logo on sponsor section of website
- Vendor table at summits
- Banner displayed at events

*Due to current pandemic conditions, some of the items listed will be modified accordingly.