



November 1, 2014

Dear Chief Lee:

Thank you so much for being a wonderful partner with the Kids Win: Pathways to Success Mentoring Program at Key West High School.

Last year, 2013/14, was the first year that this program was initiated. There were 15 students mentored by 15 Key West Police Department personnel. The success rate for this program was 70% based on how many students actually completed the year with their mentor. The exit interviews which I conducted have all been extremely positive. The only recommendations that I received from the students and the mentors were that we continue this program next year and that we expand the program to include more students and have "socials" with the mentors/mentees.

At this time, I am planning for the expansion of this program for 2014/15 school year. The cost of operating KW: PTS last year was approximately \$6000.00. This cost reflects running the program from February 18, 2014 through May 28, 2014. We had 100 plus site visits by mentors last year. I anticipate starting the program in November this year and expanding the

reach to 25 students and 25 mentors. My time commitment will likely double as it has been recommended that I increase my presence and involvement with the mentees on a daily basis. This is one of the reasons why the Take Stock in Children Program has succeeded over the years. I will monitor the students closely and intercept issues before they arise. I anticipate spending approximately 20 hours a week for 23 weeks at Key West High School implementing and growing this Prevention Program.

At this time, I would like to request funding from the Key West Police Department in order to implement Kids Win: Pathways to Success Mentoring Program for the 2014/15 school year. The total amount necessary to run this program effectively is approximately \$10,000.00 which includes a Program Coordinator for 20 hours per week, two celebration luncheons for the 50 participants, office supplies and any other needs that may arise. I would like to obtain \$5000.00 from the Key West Police Department in order for this program to expand.

Keys to Be the Change, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that relies on local support from the community. Our goal is to work with our youth to provide programs in order for them to thrive in school and in life.

Thank you in advance for your consideration to fund this Prevention Program and also for "being there" for the youth in our community!

Sincerely,

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