



Vancouver Aboriginal Child & Family Services Society

Our children, Our future, Our responsibility

December 12, 2013

Dear Colleague,

Re: Support for Street to Peak - Inner city youth climb Kilimanjaro

I am writing in support of the above application. This is an exciting opportunity for our youth who face incredible barriers every day. These barriers limit access to travel and the broadening of student relationships with the world outside the downtown core. Hence the opportunity to represent our community and climb Mount Kilimanjaro is all the more unique and life transforming.

We know the work of the Streetfront Alternative program and Britannia Secondary School, and see this initiative as an important extension of their public education mandate, and our mutual relationship. Through the partnerships that are being established in this initiative not just the student representatives but all members of our community will draw strength and pride. This trip and the various training components will certainly develop participant's leadership, self-esteem and team-work skills. The cultural exchange component will emphasize our diversity, our uniqueness, and our common humanity. Further to this, it is taking among our most at-risk identified students and giving them the experience of hope and triumph, in spite of tremendous adversity.

I know that Britannia's team, with the community's support, has the experience and ability to undertake this enterprise. I encourage you to support this application and to provide funding for this endeavor. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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