



1. What geographic area is served?

Currently, Mighty Writers is serving the West Grove Community in partnership with the Garage Youth Center in West Grove.

2. Population and Services Provided: Since the COVID-19 outbreak, everything has changed. At Mighty Writers, our out of school time programs closed and we began posting writing workshops and hosting one-on-one mentoring online.

We also quickly shifted into ensuring that our families in the greatest need received food. Because you can't think and write with clarity when you're hungry.

And no kid should go hungry.

We are partnering with Nutritional Development Services who provide lunches. Dozens of local restaurants, businesses and individuals are also providing food for families, including fresh fruit and vegetables, milk, eggs and comforting foods familiar to our Latinx families. Larger companies like Giant Food stores and Walmart have also contributed food and household staples.

We are also keenly aware that many of our Mighty kids and families do not have access to a computer and/or internet. That's why our printed materials are so essential right now. Everything is available in both English and Spanish. Additionally, kids can take home new books with them once each week. Those are also bilingual. Weekly writing competitions award \$100 gift cards for the winners.

Over the past few weeks, we have provided food, books and worksheets to over 400 families each week. We also are providing diapers twice each week for anyone who needs.

Our food, books, diapers and workbooks are given away for free, on a first come first serve basis-no questions asked. From our staff and volunteers from within the community, we recognize that the majority of these families are Latinx families living in West Grove, many within walking distance of our distribution site.

We know for sure that we could serve double the number of people with additional support. The need is great; most families are unemployed and many do not qualify for any additional support, such as unemployment or a stimulus check. At Mighty Writers, we intend to support our community for as long as necessary.

In addition to the above programs, Mighty Writers has shifted all of its afternoon, evening and weekend writing programs online. Now called Mighty Writers At Home, our program staff are offering weekly programming for kids of all ages includes Mighty Toddlers, perennial favorites like Girl Power! and Crafty Readers, along with brand new workshops like Fake News: Conspiracy Outbreak, Sports Writing, Writing to Ground Ourselves, Stories from Quarantine, College Ready and Mighty Mindfulness. Our new and very popular Family Write Night has also been shifted to an online forum.

One on one tutoring online is now being offered for any student and our roster of hundreds of volunteers have amenably shifted to offering homework help and mentorship online.

Biweekly emails are sent with online resources, activities, mentoring, homework support, mindfulness packets, in Spanish and English.

**3. How much funding is sought? How does this compare to your annual operating budget?
What will the funding be used for? What is the expected timeframe for use of funds**

Mighty Writers respectfully requests \$5,000 towards our current \$50,000 annual fundraising goal for this particular location. Funding will support direct expense of this program:

Supplies, food, books, diapers and workbooks;	Week \$400	May-July \$4,800
Program Staff: Site Manager	\$650	\$7,800

Mighty Writers is currently running four major distribution locations, with two in Philadelphia and one in Camden, NJ. All of our programming is supported by a staff of 21 and an annual organizational budget of \$1.75 million (see attached).

Thank you for your time and consideration.