

I. CHESTER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT PROPOSAL SUMMARY SHEET

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Organization Information:

Field/s of Interest:

<input type="checkbox"/> Arts, Culture & Humanities	<input type="checkbox"/> Environment/Animal Welfare	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education
<input type="checkbox"/> Health	<input type="checkbox"/> Human Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion

Mission Statement: *I know I am loved. I know I belong. In all that I am that God made me to be.*

Geographic Area Served (If not all of Chester County, specify primary Chester County regions served):
Greater Chester County Area

Describe Population Served & Annual Number of People Served:

The population is 2-year-old to 18-year-old children. We serve 50 youths annually.

Annual Budget \$ 5700	3	# of Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff
100 % of budget for program expenses		# of Board Volunteers
% of budget for administrative expenses	15	# of Active Non-Board Volunteers
% of budget for fundraising expenses	415	# of Volunteer Hours
100 % total		

Top 3-5 funding sources:

Funding is provided by individual donations and the Cornerstone Christian Fellowship General Fund.

Is this grant proposal for: Capacity Building _____ or General Operating ☒ X?

If Capacity Building Proposal, the focus is:

☐ Mission, Vision & Strategy ☐ Governance & Leadership ☐ Partnerships & Collaborations
☐ Fundraising, Development & Marketing ☐ Technology Other: _____

Grant Amount Requested from the Community Foundation: \$ 1500

Proposal Summary: *This grant proposal is submitted by Cornerstone Christian Fellowship to lease space, hire staff, and purchase supplies to support youth in a fun-filled space where children from all walks of life come together during the summer months to discover, learn, create, and grow.*

II. CHESTER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT PROPOSAL NARRATIVE

1. Program's History, goals, key achievements & distinctiveness

History:

Cornerstone Christian Fellowship (CCF) held its first youth summer program over 17 years ago. It became a safe place where children could go during the summer to learn about themselves and learn principles that help them become more compassionate friends, classmates, and neighbors. Eventually, our summer program grew large enough that we capped enrollment at 100 attendees. Capping the number of attendees allowed us to provide a more personal and hands-on approach to teaching and mentoring the children attending the program. Post COVID, CCF's youth summer program is again thriving and allows our staff and volunteers to make a positive impact on children's lives, providing a safe place for local children to pursue personal growth.

To help keep costs low, we have partnered with other local organizations to receive and reuse curricula, stage sets, and other supplies. Campers receive a healthy snack while they engage in fun, positive, age-appropriate activities.

Goals:

1. Children 2-12 years old will:
 - a. Discover who they are and the gifts and talents they have been given
 - b. Gain confidence through participating in small group sessions, group, and individual performances
 - c. Learn/improve their social skills
 - d. Be introduced to goal setting
 - e. Build friendships
 - f. Have a safe place to spend summer evenings
2. Youth 13 - 18 years old will:
 - a. Receive leadership training
 - b. Improve communication and peer mentoring skills
 - c. Develop administrative and organizational skills
 - d. Be mentored and practice goal setting
 - e. Give back to their community
3. Adult Staff and Volunteers will:
 - a. Provide mentoring to teenagers and youth
 - b. Utilize their leadership, organization, and teaching skills
 - c. Enjoy satisfaction in knowing they have helped the community

Key achievements:

1. Older youth practice peer mentoring and learn to lead individually and in small groups.
2. We have built relationships with other local organizations to share resources.
3. Volunteers ages 13 - 75 work in collaborative teams and learn from each other.
4. Children and volunteers are excited to return each day.

Distinctiveness:

The Cornerstone Christian Fellowship (CCF) summer program is more than an event. It's a community where children can explore their personal development in an exciting, hands-on way through games, crafts, music, and activities. They create memories that will be cherished for years to come. Children receive healthy snacks that

help to recharge them during the camp's activities. The CCF summer program has created a culture where children who participated in the camp in previous years return to serve the current generation of attendees.

We accept every child who registers for this program. No family is turned away. The program is free for participants despite the increased costs CCF incurs to produce the weeklong activities.

2. Funding Request:

- Description of key initiatives:
 1. Provide age-appropriate emotional, social, and intellectual development.
 2. Provide an alternative for students who don't participate in organized sports or can't afford other, more expensive camps of all kinds during the summer.
 3. Bridge the gap created during the summer that may cause some children to be socially isolated from their peers.
- Specific needs to be addressed by grant funds include:
 1. Lease a facility to hold the summer program
 2. Pay staff members who administer the program
 3. Purchase curriculum and supplies for participants
 4. Purchase healthy snacks for participants
- Why is it important to fund this now?
 1. Studies and anecdotal evidence point to an increased number of children fighting depression and anxiety through social isolation. This unfortunate truth is affecting children at younger and younger ages. We aim to help children combat this unfortunate truth by providing a nurturing community and giving them tools that help them strengthen their inner resolve. Children who attend this program are reminded that they belong. They are worthy. They have a voice. They are loved and worthy of love.
 2. Concurrently, as more resources are being stripped from public services, families are looking for safe, affordable spaces where their children can receive positive reinforcement and have fun while growing in their identity and confidence.
- How impact and results will be demonstrated:
 1. Number of children engaged yearly with enough volunteers to meet their needs. (target of 100 in 2025)
 2. Surveys will be distributed to participating families with a target of 95% positive feedback.
 3. Quality review meetings with volunteers and staff, and implement suggested improvements yearly.
 4. Increase the target ratio in the number of attendees from the surrounding community who do not attend the host church.
 5. Anecdotally, we will observe the campers' engagement levels at the end of the camp compared to the beginning of the week. We will observe the students' openness to engage in learning and their respect for the volunteers.