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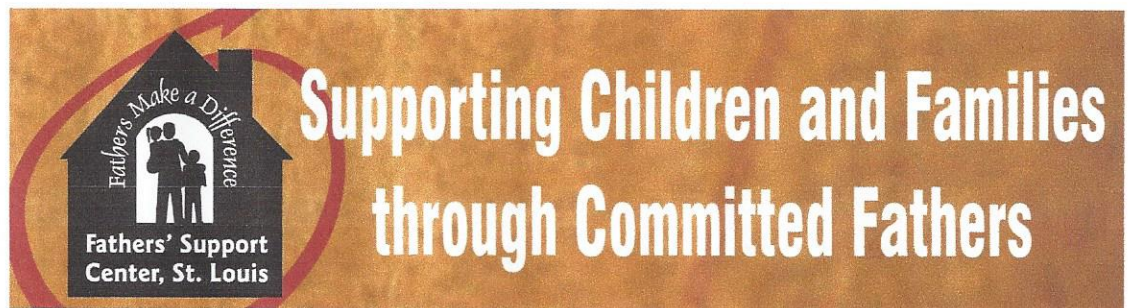
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January 30, 2017

Mark D. Allen  
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105 E. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 302  
Kansas City, MO 64106

Dear Mr. Mark Allen:

It is my pleasure to submit this letter demonstrating our support for your "Aspire Challenge Project" application for funding to provide entrepreneurial and small business strategic planning training and consulting to participants who have been recently incarcerated.

Our Mission is to foster healthy relationships by strengthening families and communities. We do this by providing a variety of programs and services that reconnect families, and by providing employment placement opportunities.

Over the last nineteen years the Fathers' support Center, St. Louis has provided services to those who are either incarcerated or who have been recently incarcerated, those known as "returning citizens". During this period of time we have found it increasingly difficult to provide adequate employment for these returning citizens. Over the years our data has shown us that there is a high level of interest among this population for becoming small business owners.

Your proposed trainings that includes training both participant and family members on the aspects surrounding having a family-owned small business, not only strengthens the individual but it enhances the family and the community as a whole. This project will also decrease recidivism.

I wholeheartedly support your project. If you need additional information please feel free to call me at (314) 333-4170 ext. 105 or via email at [hsullivan@fatherssupport.org](mailto:hsullivan@fatherssupport.org).

Sincerely,

*Halbert Sullivan*  
Halbert Sullivan, President/CEO  
Fathers' Support Center St. Louis