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GEM Project Dayton, 219 Orchard Drive, Dayton, OH 45419-1722

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Dear Neighbor,

GEM Project Dayton is comprised of high school students with a mission to spread messages of hope and endurance to students in the Dayton area. GEM stands for *Goal: Everyone Matters*, and our mission is to spread awareness about suicide prevention. Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death in youth aged 10 to 34, and our team wants to change this statistic.

We offer an annual art competition in local middle and high schools, where students use their creativity to convey a message of hope to encourage others who may be having a difficult time. Students submit artwork that is judged by a panel of Hope Squad students, artists, and mental health professionals, and the top winners receive cash prizes. Thanks to a Culture Works grant and our partnerships with local organizations focused on mental health, the winning artwork has been used to create posters, social media posts, notecards, and suicide prevention presentations to encourage people who struggle with their mental health.

Our GEM Art Contest is different from most: we make sure that *every school has at least one award winner* and our awards range from \$50 to \$1,000. To continue to recognize all schools and spread our prevention outreach, we need the help from businesses and organizations to support our contest with cash prizes that encourage and award students from all over Greater Miami Valley to participate. Would you be willing to join us? The enclosed donation form gives details of how to become a sponsor or how to donate in other ways to support our contest this year. We are a component fund of The Dayton Foundation so all of your donation is 100% tax-deductible, AND because we are volunteer-driven, 100% of all donations goes to our mission.

If you would like more information about our team and what we do, check out our website www.gemprojectdayton.org. If you have questions, please email us at gemprojectdayton@gmail.com or call (937) 294-3816.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

The GEM Project Dayton Team



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Yes! I wish to be a GEM Project Dayton sponsor at the following level (choose one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Diamond | \$5,000* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ruby | \$2,500* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Sapphire | \$1,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Emerald | \$500 |

* Donations of more than \$2,500 will have company/organization logo on yard signs, posters, and murals created for the community with the Culture Works grant.

No, I cannot sponsor GEM Project Dayton, but I love what you are doing and would like to offer this donation (money or gift cards) to support your efforts:

Please provide detailed description of your donation on the line above.

Signature_____

Printed Name_____

Business Name_____

Address_____

Phone_____ Email_____

Thank you so much for your support! We greatly appreciate all donations. Please make checks payable to *GEM Project Dayton, TDF #7815*.



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