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Dear Mr. Zoibi,

The Board of Directors joins me, and all of the children you will help, in thanking you for your consideration for a grant from the Gannett Foundation. We provide funds for educational activities and programs related to the school curriculum, but not funded or provided by regular school budgets.

Your financial contribution will send children on field trips with their classmates, rather than exclude them for lack of funds to pay their way. These funds will also provide rental fees for musical instruments for children whose dream is to join the school band. This grant will be directly responsible for children having tutoring for math and for other needs identified by teachers, principals, and counselors.

I have attached a copy of our Scholarship Review that is designed to measure the results of our program. In every review, our results have been excellent. Numerous letters of gratitude from teachers, parents, and students further confirm the value, need, and success of this ongoing project.

We are grateful for the confidence the Gannett Foundation has had in us and in our mission. We welcome your recommendations and ideas, and invite you to visit our web site for additional information at www.shininglightfoundation.org. Detailed financial information is also available on the web site in a protected format. Our organization received excellent ratings from the Rockefeller Philanthropy Foundation when they reviewed our website, including our funding and transparency of financial records.

A representative of the Shining Light organization will be available for publicity events if you wish.

Sincerely,

Carolyn French, Ph.D.
President

**Shining Light Foundation
Project Budget
Fiscal Year 2012 – 2013**

I. Project:

To fund the needs of Lafayette Public School students grades K-6 as identified by their teachers, principals, and counselors when funding is not available from other sources or provided by the school. Needs identified will include funds to participate in class field trips to participate in the school band, and special tutoring.

II. Income Sources:

- A. Gannett Foundation Grant- pending approval \$5,000
- B. Private funding, membership and other grants \$5,000

III. Projected expenditures (based on actual expenditures made in 2011-2012 plus anticipated increase):

- A. Musical instruments \$7,000
- B. Field Trips, Tutoring, etc. \$3,000

TOTAL: \$10,000

**Shining Light Foundation
Organizational Budget
Fiscal Year 2012 – 2013**

I. Available Funds		\$ 5,000
II. Projected Funding Requests for Students		
a. Musical instruments and supplies	\$7,000	
b. Field Trips, Tutoring, supplies	\$3,000	\$10,000
III. Administrative expenses (Post Office Box, stamps, printing, banking fees)		\$ 500
IV. Anticipated Income		
a. Memberships, donations		\$ 1,000
b. Gannett Grant		\$ 5,000

Shining Light Foundation Sustainability Statement

The Shining Light Foundation is the only organization that addresses the needs of students as specifically requested by teachers, counselors, and principals. The organization was formed in 1998 and has been highly successful in its mission of providing assistance to children in grades K-6 in Lafayette Parish public schools.

Our website, www.shininglightfoundation.org, provides information and forms for applications for funds. We send letters to all principals and counselors at the beginning of the school year to advise them of our scope of services. We speak to meetings of counselors and principals to inform them about the Shining Light Foundation and to answer their questions.

To evaluate the success of our project, we ask teachers to complete Scholarship Reviews for each activity that is funded. (Please see attached form). The teacher is asked to evaluate whether the student gained knowledge, bonded with classmates, increased peer group identification and acceptance, and received other benefits from this activity. The Board of Directors and President meet monthly to discuss the results and review funding requests for new activities.

The Shining Light Foundation will continue funding this project through grant requests, memberships, and donations.

Shining Light Foundation
Project Proposal
Statement of Needs

The objective of the Shining Light Foundation's project is to provide funds to allow students in Lafayette Public schools in grades K-6 to participate in school activities when funding is not available from other sources or provided by the school. The Shining Light Foundation serves as the "agency of last resort" for student needs such as class field trip costs, participation in the school band, special tutoring, and other needs identified by teachers, principals, and counselors.

The Shining Light Foundation was founded in 1998 and has developed an ongoing project that addresses the needs described above. The project is highly successful and widely supported by Lafayette Parish public school administrative personnel, counselors, and teachers. We strive to contribute to the healthy development of children through breaking the cycle of poverty.

The students served by the Shining Light Foundation include primarily those who participate in the "free lunch" program and are from low-income families. The schools served in the 2011-2012 school years are: Broadmoor Elementary, Ernest Gallet, J.W.Faulk, Plantation Elementary, Prairie Elementary, Woodvale Elementary, Duson Elementary, Broussard Middle, S.J.Montgomery, Burke Elementary, J.Wallace James, Alice Boucher Elementary School, and Ridge Elementary. We often have requests from schools with disadvantaged students in grades K-6.

The Shining Light Foundation is operated by a Board of Directors consisting of volunteers, who are community representatives and school personnel. We have no paid staff and minimal expenses.