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Barbara Nanninga Town of Markham 101 Town Centre Blvd. Markham, ON L3R 9W3

Dear Ms. Nanninga,

We are deeply appreciative of the Town of Markham's generous support Future Possibilities Canada (FPC) since 2002. Your financial contributions during our 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 seasons and contribution of space in the Civic Centre between 2002 and 2004, have gone a long way in enabling us to deliver our unique and effective leadership and life skills education programs to hundreds of children across the GTA, many of whom live in the Town of Markham.

On behalf of the Board of Directors for FPC, I, once again, respectfully request consideration for the Town of Markham's sponsorship for our 2006-2007 season. As you may recall, FPC is a registered, charitable organization whose organization and programs originated in York Region and are currently offered to "Performance Plus" children ages 8-12, from communities in both York Region and Toronto, at no cost to these children. Each child selected for our program is paired with a dedicated, trained, adult volunteer KidCoach who inspires, guides and supports their "Kid" through our Ready, Set, Goal! program in accomplishing a Goal of Contribution of benefit to their family, school, community and themselves. This is achieved through weekly one-to-one telephone coaching sessions and a series of group workshops. Many of our graduates choose to join our KidCouncil, which serves as a body of leaders, ambassadors, critics and FPC program delivery assistants.

Our positive track record shows that Future Possibilities children develop skills, self-esteem and confidence and as they learn to think boldly, communicate powerfully and act generously.

In addition, we are privileged to have had Stan Daurio, Ward 1 Councillor, serve as member of our Board of Advisors since the inception of our organization.

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Future Possibilities has grown significantly over the last 5 years. In our 2005-06 season alone, we directly provided leadership and life skills to over 60 children at 5 schools in York Region and indirectly involved more than 575 additional York Region children in the execution of these children's enterprises. Beyond that, dozens of York Region residents have served as volunteers KidCoaches to our young goal setters.

As you may recall, Centre Stage is our annual benefit gala concert which will undoubtedly play, once again, to a full house of approximately 450. We would deeply appreciate your renewed sponsorship of our organization through this event and respectfully request that the Town of Markham purchase a row of seats (20 tickets) at the upcoming "Centre Stage 2006" at the cost of \$2000. We appreciate that this represents an increase in your support; I urge you to consider our growth and the expanded scope and impact of our programs on children, adults and benefiting causes in our very own communities.

I have taken of liberty of including our **Centre Stage 2006** flyer for your review with hopes that many Council members will attend this outstanding event. We would be honoured to include an advertisement in our 2007 playbill recognizing your contribution, similar to the one on page 10 of last year's playbill (see enclosed).

I promise you a thoroughly enjoyable evening! Should you wish to donate some, or all, of the tickets back to FPC, we will gladly re-distribute them to our volunteers who may otherwise not be able to attend this event.

Should you require any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

With kindest regards

Geri Berholz

cc: Don Cousens, Mayor of Markham

cc: Stan Daurio, Councillor, Markham Ward 1