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To Whom It May Concern:

At the MMSD Learning Center on Allied Drive, MSCR provides summer programming for approximately 200-240 elementary school children from diverse ethnic cultures (African-American, Caucasian, Hmong and Latino) living in the Allied Drive neighborhood. There are two summer programs: Allied Summer Camp (KG-3rd grade) and Marlborough Park (4th-6th grade). One of our goals is providing youth the opportunity to participate in activities that they might not be able to enjoy due to financial reasons. Green space is very limited since our families live in a community of apartment buildings.

MARLBOROUGH PARK GARDEN: For the past six years, we have had a very small garden plot at Marlborough Park. In the summer of 2012 many plots were left open so we were able to obtain two large plots at no cost since 100% of our participants qualify for free lunches. The objective in the summer was to be self-sustained in growing their own produce to make food projects.

MSCR provided us with an internal grant which purchased lumber to make 9 (10' x 4') vegetable gardens. Children painted some of the beds bright colors to identify and locate their garden. They also added pinwheels and sunflowers which gave our garden a whimsical feel.

The mosaic tile project would unite the entire garden community identifying individual/group gardeners. With your generosity, it would allow Marlborough Park families to revel in a summer pastime that many Madison area residents take for granted. You can provide to them a wonderful day complete with a bounty of positive memories that will last a lifetime.

Sincerely,

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