



## **RE: Gifted Enrichment Program (Diamonds in the Rough)**

Dear Community Leader:

ZOe Pediatrics Foundation is providing an opportunity for the leaders of our community to partner with our not-for-profit Foundation on an important initiative, 501(c)(3) (EIN 47-5083340). We have all seen the power of investing in our youth and fostering God given skills and abilities. We believe that there are genius young people, defined by an IQ of 130 or higher, in this community who lack the resources and opportunities to maximize their potential. A child who is very bright but does not have the wherewithal to grow outside of the classroom could be a missed opportunity for discovering and encouraging the next Albert Einstein.

The ZOe Pediatrics Foundation will do a quick screening at each well child visit to identify those with high intelligence by asking candidates to repeat random numbers backwards. Those who are successful at repeating 9 numbers will be given a full Stanford Binet Intelligence test identifying the student's natural strengths and aptitudes. With full partnership with the parents and in conjunction with the teachers and the school system, the Foundation will build an Individualized Gifted Enrichment Program tailored to each student.

One standard practice in the program is mentorship, coaching, and connecting students to those who can help nurture and teach them. The students will have meetings once a week together where a variety of subjects will be covered, and guest speakers will provide lectures and demonstrations. Resources and assistance provided will address the unmet needs for each student's ability to learn.

We often say that finding a diamond in the rough is amazing because we can mine it into something majestic for the world to embrace. There are bright students in the community and the resources to polish the diamonds; Challenging them mentally, socially and emotionally to be all they can be. Together we can make a change for students who can then change the community, the nation, and the world.

Please consider partnering with the ZOe Pediatrics Foundation as we begin the Gifted Enrichment Program. We are committed to promoting opportunities and the promise of a bright future for gifted students! We cannot afford to have these gifted students wilt on the vine without the attention they need to bloom. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

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