

November 14, 2019

Dear Shoreline City Council,

The Shoreline GSA clubs would like to request an audience with the Shoreline City Council to present the City of Shoreline with a check transferring funds we raised at the TransPride event in June of 2019. We met with representatives from the city last year to discuss the need for an LGBTQ+ teen center in Shoreline so our community has a safe place to go for activities specific to our group. Right now if we want to participate in a variety of activities we have to travel, by bus, to Lambert House in Seattle. It is a long bus ride through areas not safe for middle school aged students who are 11, 12 & 13 years of age. We raised \$827.87 and had hoped that could be put toward our end goal, but realize it is such a small amount of the budget necessary. That being the case, we would like to present the City with a check and partner with the Shoreline Teen Center for a Community Resource Night at City Hall and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual PrideProm in June.

Our focus this year is to expand the GSA clubs in the Shoreline Schools District to include 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades at the elementary schools. Both of these classes will be moving to the middle schools in September of 2020. Middle School is stressful and if the incoming classes have some experience and awareness of the allies already established their transition will be easier and less anxiety ridden. We imagine this process will be met with other barriers in that the parental community might feel it is too soon. This resource night will be aimed at providing information and resources for everyone, parents and students of all grade levels.

Over the past several years we have worked hard to affect change in our communities, building a coalition of organizations who support our endeavors, and providing school-wide activities to encourage cooperation and acceptance of all members of the community. We have also started to merge some of the activities of all 4 secondary GSA Clubs. We work hard to erase any stigma associated with gender, educate classmates around those issues, speak to staff about issues of bullying, and provide a safe and inclusive space for all. The members of our coalition include:

Lambert House

PFLAG

GLSEN

The Gender Justice League

The King Country Sheriff's Office

The City of Seattle Mayors Office

Camp Ten Trees

AE PTSA

We look forward to hearing from you and meeting you in person to present the check. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Shoreline GSA Clubs.