Applicant Information

Name: ▮

Address: ▮

Phone: ▮

Email: ▮

Member Information

College/University Name: Brigham Young University

Chapter Where Initiated: Brigham Young University

Current Chapter Affiliation: Brigham Young University

PKP Member #: ▮

Co-Applicant Information (if applicable):

Name:

Phone:

Email:

PKP Member #:

Project Information:

Project Title: My Story Matters: A Refugee Literacy Project

Proposed Budget Requested: $2,500

Project Website: http://www.mystorymatters.org/

Exteranal Data Link: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MqeKRiIqRiwGC1vN0DxcN6ltBTABpk2uuiqj8ljlYT4/edit?usp=sharing

Has this project been previously funded by Phi Kappa Phi? NO

If yes, what years:

Partner (if applicable):

Project Partners: My Story Matters

Project Partner Contact: ▮

Phone: ▮

E-mail: ▮

Budget Requested: $2,500

Target Group: Refugee children and elementary school children in a Provo School District School.

Timeline: We plan to select the school and set up interviews with the refugee children in October 2017. Then we will work on prepa

Project Description:

The purpose of our project is to partner with My Story Matters, a small nonprofit foundation based in our community, to publish the stories of children who have unique life experiences, such as being a refugee or immigrant.

The intent of this project is twofold. First, we will focus on individual children who are suffering and undergoing a difficult transition, principally of moving to a new country and culture. We will interview the children and let them tell their own story. This will give them a personal experience with literacy, along with learning to read in English with a simple-to-read text. Second, we will increase cultural literacy by telling stories that often go untold. A story increases empathy and awareness in a way that statistics never will. Once published, the books will be available in both the school and classroom libraries for other students to read.

For our scope, we know that we will be working with an elementary school in Utah county, but the exact school will be determined closer to project execution. We will be directed by the Tumaini Welcome & Transition Center about areas of greatest need next year. This organization places refugee and immigrant children in schools and sponsors their transition. It is best to make this decision based on needs as they arise because of the dynamic nature of arrivals in our community.

The books are written simply to promote English learning and cultural literacy. In a My Story Matters pilot

in April 2016, the Tumaini Center teacher said "My Story Matters has been one of the best experiences I've seen for the kids in my teaching career."

Phi Kappa Phi volunteers will work with the My Story Matters team to interview these children in their school. Our members will also be able to help with the writing, formatting, and photography that goes into the stories. This will be a Phi Kappa Phi and community partnership, with over a hundred people involved. Once the books are published, our members will deliver the books and help the children read and share their books with their classmates. We expect this project to have a large impact not only on the lives of these children, but on the community at large.

Project Budget:

The funds would be used to cover the costs of creating, printing, packaging, and delivery of the books. My Story Matters is a registered non-profit, with all funds going directly to telling the stories of these children. They work with local universities, including our fellow students at BYU, to provide volunteer internships for credit to help limit the costs of these books to help us tell as many children's stories as possible. The estimate we received from My Story Matters is that our grant of $2500 would conservatively fund the creation and publication of 50 stories.

It costs $50 per entire project to publish a book for one child. The breakdown of costs is:
$10 will go to program costs, such as interviewing a child, recording the story, and designing the book.
$30 will go to printing the professionally made book.
$10 will go towards packaging and shipping the book.

With a grant of $2500, we will be able to create 50 books, telling the story of 50 children.