



Mayor's Office

Bill Bazzi
Mayor

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Mrs. Lynne Killion, Public Image Chair
Rotary Club of Dearborn Heights

Dear Lynne:

I enthusiastically support the Rotary Club of Dearborn Heights' continued commitment to the Sports World Project in our community. Sports World sends professional athletes to share personal life experiences with students, helping them to recognize the consequences of their choices. The focus is not to create shame for making bad decisions, but to show students they can choose a better way. Their tagline says... "You're not born a Winner; You're not born a Loser; You're born a CHOOSER."

Through the club's hard work, in full cooperation with the city and school districts, the program's 2019 introduction to Dearborn Heights was nothing short of remarkable. Over a four-day period, more than 7,000 students in 15 of our schools heard positive, encouraging messages from guest speaker Andre Fluellen, the onetime Detroit Lions defensive tackle and world record snowboarder, Tom Gilles. Importantly, over 200 students communicated critical issues in their lives and received the help they desperately needed.

There are not many times where we can say we were able to save a life, but Sports World gave us that opportunity. Now, with the pandemic making it even more difficult for our city's young people to talk openly about their greatest fears, I am excited that your club is moving forward with the Sports World Project in Dearborn Heights.

As Mayor of our great city, I've seen firsthand the Rotary Club's impact on our community, from tree plantings to literacy promotion, youth scholarships, and more. Every day when I come to my office, I admire the "Peace Pole" installed here at City Hall in 2017 and I am reminded of its importance to our diverse community.

My administration stands ready to support you in ensuring the Sports World Project provides our young people with the tools they need to live healthy, positive lives.

Respectfully,

Bill Bazzi

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