



The Time Bank is a service exchange based on Time Dollars, the currency of equality, that empowers individuals to utilize their assets, to enhance their lives, neighborhood and community.

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Ms. Charlene Belanger

WCSH-TV

1 Congress Square
Portland, ME 04101

Dear Ms. Belanger:

Portland Time Bank is pleased to present this proposal for your review. We look forward to partnering with the Gannett Foundation to provide an early intervention *School Support Project* for Westbrook, Maine elementary school students.

The purpose of the request to the Gannett Foundation is to obtain project support in the amount of \$ 4,000.00 to increase student engagement and achievement in Westbrook elementary schools through mentoring relationships, tutoring and group enrichment activities. As an incentive to increase involvement, these early intervention and prevention services and activities are provided by parents and community members who earn Time Dollars. This is a new project that extends important services to individuals and groups not served adequately through other programs and institutions. The \$4,000.00 grant from Gannett will leverage additional funding from other foundations and corporations and individuals in cooperation with the Westbrook School District and Maine Time Bank.

Time Bank programs are connecting neighbors and helping to bridge the growing disparities in education, economic opportunity and quality of life. The concept is simple. Members help themselves by helping others. You help a neighbor in need and earn one credit for every hour offered. The person you helped is debited one credit hour that s/he has earned helping someone else. One hour of service equals one credit, regardless of the service

We appreciate the Gannett Foundation taking an interest in helping our school and community. Please give me a call at 207-878-5196 if you require further information or have any questions.

Sincerely,

Linda Hogan
Executive Director
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