Drive Phase, Inc.

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To Whom It May Concern

My name is Lamar Grant and I am writing on behalf of Drive Phase, Inc. Drive Phase is a community-based, competitive, youth track and field club. We are based in Fayetteville, GA and serve student-athletes (ages 7-19) and families from Fayette, Clayton, Henry, Troup, and Fulton counties (metro Atlanta). Our mission is to positively impact the social, emotional, and physical development of youth, student athletes by leveraging the challenges, discipline, and personal victories encountered through track and field.

Drive Phase is entering our fourth year; however, our student-athletes, coaches, and board members all have many years of experience in the sport. Many student-athletes on our roster have earned All-American status at the highest levels of youth track and field (Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympics and the USA Track and Field Junior Olympics). In order for our student-athletes to realize success, there is a great amount of preparation, sacrifice, and dedication required. Furthermore, and of utmost importance, embedded in our coaching and teaching philosophy as well as our training platform, is our fervent emphasis on developing the whole student-athlete; healthy body image, high self-esteem, respect for self and others, and teamwork and anti-bullying are just a few of the topics we address as we educate and inspire our student-athletes to success.

For our student-athletes, the journey of personal growth and development begins in February and ends in early August. We train 3 days per week and compete almost every weekend from March through July. All athletes pay a membership fee; however, this simply covers the cost to participate (uniform, race fees, etc.). To adequately prepare our athletes for success, we incur a number of expenses: rental fees for local track and field training facility, training equipment, airline tickets, hotel accommodations, and more.

We fully understand the financial commitment required for our student-athletes to participate on a national level in a sport that requires them to travel all over the country for events. Last year, we had 38 athletes spend one week in Lawrence, KS for the USATF Junior Olympics. This year, we will spend one week in Greensboro, NC. We are currently doing a Yankee Candle fundraiser to help families offset some of the costs associated with this travel. We also host two track meets each season to help raise money to offset our costs.

As you consider the contributions you may make to community-based, 501c3 organizations, we humbly ask for your financial support to help us fulfill our mission. We are looking to establish a mutually beneficial relationship where you can be assured that your contributions are serving the intended purpose. If you are interested, we will keep you informed of events and the success our student-athletes are having throughout the season.

Please contact me at 404-293-1129or lamar@drivephaseinc.com. We are open to your ideas as well. Thank you for your time and for considering this request. We look forward to working with you to empower our youth to realize their ultimate potential.

Sincerely,

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