

April 8, 2016

Mr. Mark Rauterkus
Executive Swim & Water Polo Coach
Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation
108 South 12th Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15203-1226

Dear Mr. Rauterkus:

The Thelma Lovette YMCA (TLY), located in the Hill District community of Pittsburgh, is pleased to support Play.CLOH.org and how our organization may partner in the initiative. The TLY is a community-based organization focused on services to youth, adults, and seniors in the Hill District neighborhood of Pittsburgh.

The Thelma Lovette YMCA knows the lasting personal and social change comes when we all work together. That is why, at the TLY, strengthening community is our cause. Every day, we work side-by side with our neighbors to make sure that everyone, regardless of age, income or background, has the opportunity to learn, grow and strive.

On the past four years, the TLY has quickly become one of the pillars of the community. We have over 3000 members from over the city and suburbs. Folks who attend our facility and programs speak highly about the quality of service we provide, but more importantly how the TLY feels like "Home." In addition, we have partnered with several organizations to make a broader effect in the community we serve. We believe coming together and developing a structured system, we can better serve our communities' families.

We are encouraged to partner with your organization to host community Water Polo and other activities at our branch. In addition, Spinning is another activity we discussed about expanding your program with the help of this grant. It's a really great exercise for all groups and ages.

The YMCA hereby submits this letter of support for this grant application for the necessary programmatic needs to the students you serve. We want to assure the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation to receive the highest priority and interest from the YMCA. Thank you again for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Aaron R. Gibson
Executive Director