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Hi Mr. Murphy:

After you left on yesterday, I wanted to suggest one other idea that could potentially enhance the children's Trust's efforts in the community The 3 I highlighted were as follows:

- Hiring of part time or full time persons that would work under our community engagement director. Each person would represent the four main goals of the Children's Trust
- Integrate, fund and expand our focus on technology and our efforts to bridge the digital divide in Alachua County. this includes seeing what technology programs are already in place.
- Hire a person that would serve as a case manager of sorts to help those whose grants were not approved. Given our low approval rate of the grants that are being submitted, this would allow us to give more in depth and meaningful feedback to those who submitted grants.
- Fourthly, we might want to have an in house grant writer (full time) who can assist those in the community who have great ideas, but little skill in putting grants together.

I believe that each of these efforts would send a strong message to the community that we hear them and we are here to support them as well as meeting the needs of the kids. The passion and commitment to youth in this community is so strong and I am proud to be a part of an agency that can (1.) support current programs , (2) support newly developed programs as we look ahead and can (3.) help those persons with great ideas, but need help with grant writing/evaluation/assessment skills.

Thanks for your time and for listening. I appreciate it.

Take care and be blessed!!! My regards to your famliy as well!

Karen Cole-Smith