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Dear Grant Committee,

The City of Lake Worth Beach is eager to provide this letter of support for "For The Children Inc.'s" grant application for the Osborne School Renovation and building expansion Project, which provides childcare, pre-school, academic enrichment activities, personal enrichment activities such as visual and non-visual arts instructions, field trips to local theaters, museums, and family support services for all children and families in the Lake Worth Beach community and surrounding cities. The City of Lake Worth Beach leased the current site which houses the historic Osborne School to For The Children in 2010 for 99 years. We will work with the building team to guide them through the permitting process and offer any guidance, as necessary. We will apply jointly for grants and offer other financial support to implement this building project.

The Osborne School is one of Lake Worth Beach's landmark and historical sites; a shining jewel representing the best of what the community offers. This grant will provide "For The Children Inc." (FTC) with the opportunity to put a new roof on the school, replace bathroom facilities and expand the overall site to serve the increasing number of families seeking services.

FTC has been a pioneer in providing quality and affordable education and recreational and family support services for children ages 3-19 residing primarily in Lake Worth Beach and the Town of Lantana. FTC deeply affects our community by continuing to offer engaging programs that help student succeed in school, strengthen, and empower low-income families residing within these school boundaries. Lake Worth Beach has been a strong partner with FTC from inception and we

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are in support of this grant application for the Osborne School project renovation and expansion. We will engage and work with the families and children, youth in service-learning projects, to serve as guest speakers for parent meetings and assist in any other capacity as needed.

I applaud FTC's commitment to providing our young children with engaging education, recreational and family support activities that seek to strengthen our communities. As such, we are in support of FTC's grant application for the Osborne School Renovation and Expansion Project and urge the grant committee to approve their full request for support because "For The Children Inc." is a place where children truly come first.

Respectfully,



Juan Ruiz  
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City of Lake Worth Beach

