

November 30, 2012

To: Harbortown Rotary Community Service Chairperson

From: Unity High School

The Duluth Public Schools recognizes that students need the opportunity to be physically active in order to grow, learn, and thrive. Physical Education is an essential component of the educational process and, good health fosters student attendance and education. The Duluth Public Schools also believes that all students should have opportunities, support, and an environment that encourages and promotes physical activity on a regular basis, as revealed by the newly designed state-of-the-art fitness centers at our two high schools affording expanded opportunities to practice healthy life styles.

Unity High School is an alternative high school that supports students desiring to complete their secondary education through smaller classes averaging 16-20 students per class. The staff is dedicated to developing alternative teaching and learning methods and discovering the most effective means for student success, while still availing them the same opportunities/experiences that they would receive at a traditional high school.

To that end, it is the desire of Unity High School staff to afford Unity's students with expanded opportunities to learn and practice healthy life styles by transforming their Fitness Center into an inviting learning environment. This transition has already begun, the center has been painted, the removal of obsolete and unsafe equipment.

Even with these efforts underway, there will still be a large void needing to be filled. While the District is doing it's best to meet the needs of all students, with the budget shortfalls there just aren't enough resources to complete this transformation.

Funds received through the Harbortown Rotary, will be used to assist in purchasing an Elliptical Machine. We are requesting an amount of \$1500.00 which is ½ half of the cost of an Elliptical machine. We have received a bid in the cost of the machine. We are in the process of raising additional contributions from staff members and other grants for the remaining amount of \$1500.00. Attached please find some pictures of our current weight room at Unity High School. This project will increase the ability to meet the outcomes of the Secondary Physical Education program allowing for a much more comprehensive physical education curriculum at Unity High School.

We appreciate your time and consideration of our request. We welcome the opportunity to speak with you if you have any questions.

Sincerely,