

Paul Prince  
Greater Pottstown Foundation

Dear Mr. Prince,

Thank you so much for your belief in the GreenAllies organization and our ability to impact regional youth. I wanted to provide you with an update on the funding you provided GreenAllies. The mentoring program was a huge success!

First, the Leadership Training Program was postponed until this September due to student scheduling conflicts in May. We are looking forward to a great two days for regional high school student leadership training. This program is so important to GreenAllies.

Our C2 Summer Camp program, a free camp for middle school students from Pottstown, had special high school mentors throughout the five week program. The mentors addressed a weakness identified in last year's Social Emotional Learning Survey. These weaknesses in student learning were 1. Envisioning a future and 2. Peer support and interactions. During the last week of camp, we added an additional visit from several college mentors who sat down with the kids and led discussions on 1. What your future holds and how to get there. 2. Goals for the upcoming school year and 3. Interactions with your peers and how respect for others. With the Greater Pottstown Foundation support, GreenAllies was able to provide a wonderful opportunity for the C2 campers to share and learn from our special group of mentors.

Here are some pictures:





The mentors also spent time working with the C2 campers on teambuilding activities at the Althouse Arboretum.



Afterwards, thanks to a generous donation of materials, all mentors were able to distribute school supplies to every camper.



In the end, I think the campers appreciated the time and companionship of our mentors!



The impact of these high school leaders was felt immediately. The middle school campers provided the following comments in their post-camp surveys:

1. I learned that I need to be more organized to do better in school next year
2. I know I am able to do better, I learned that I need to apply myself more
3. It is important to be more patient and less angry
4. You helped me learn how to talk to people I haven't seen before
5. I need to learn to be quieter and less head strong
6. I need to study more and get good grades if I want to be a nurse

We hope that the experience created a lasting impact on our middle school campers. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this experience. We look forward to the upcoming Student Leadership Summit at the Althouse Arboretum.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Hamilton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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