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Terry W. Cunningham
Executive Director
Kingsport Housing and Redevelopment Authority
906 E. Sevier Avenue
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Dear Mr. Cunningham:

On behalf of Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Tennessee, I am pleased to submit this firm commitment letter in support of the Kingsport Housing and Redevelopment Authority's 2012 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant application being submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Tennessee is a non-profit organization and a member agency of the oldest and largest youth mentoring organization, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, serving the greater Knoxville and Tri-Cities area. Our purpose is simple, but powerful – to create lasting community change by providing adult mentors for the children who need them the most. Our work is donor supported and volunteer driven. National research verifies that the positive relationships between Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Littles have a considerable, direct impact on children's lives.

As an organization which cares about the children from the Robert E. Lee Apartments and the surrounding Midtown neighborhood, Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Tennessee commits to providing \$1,703 of in-kind financial resources to cover our staff participation on the stakeholder planning committee, and in facilitating a focus group on Youth over the two year grant period. (Refer to attached detailed list).

The Choice Neighborhoods Planning program is intended to forge broad-based partnerships to transform neighborhoods and create viable communities. We are enthusiastic to have this opportunity to be a part of that partnership and strongly support your 2012 Planning Grant application. We are committed to participating in the planning and implementation process and look forward to the same. We wish you success with your grant application, and look forward to continuing our collaboration and supporting the educational opportunities planning component of the 2012 CNI Transformation Planning effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Myra V. Yeatman". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Myra V. Yeatman, CEO
Attachment

Attachment to Letter of Support from Big Brothers Big Sisters for KHRA

IN-KIND DONATION FOR 2012 CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING GRANT

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| Staff salary estimate (1.67 hours monthly x 24 months x \$33.33 per hour x 1 staff member) | \$ 1,336. |
| Supplies (paper, pencils, time with computer, etc.) | \$ 100. |
| Staff Travel | \$ 100. |
| Administrative Salary Estimate (5%) | \$ 67. |
| Administrative supplies (copy service, postage, paper, computer usage, etc) | \$ 100. |
| Consulting | \$ |
| Meeting Space | \$ |
| Other material/financial donation (describe) | \$ |
| TOTAL | \$ 1,703. |