

## Camp GABIKA

Intervention proposal: Plan Year 8

Funding level requested: \$8,000 (\$2,000 more than Plan Year 7)

Chelsea Community Education and Recreation is planning for the 2019 camp season. Camp GABIKA will be entering its sixth year, and will be led by our same director and assistant director who took over and did a phenomenal job in their first year in those roles. They did exactly what we had hoped, and breathed new life into the camp. Camp will continue to grow again this summer, as we build off of the success and momentum generated by the reinvigorated program in 2018. As they were re-energizing the program, they also re-invested in the work we do based on the mission of the Chelsea Wellness Coalition and 5HF. We were able to present robust data on physical activity and healthy decision making in 2018.

We will look to continue to partner with Chelsea United Way in 2019 to help fund camp scholarships, as well as continue to seek out other avenues of potential partnership for both funding purposes and programming purposes. We have worked very hard over the past several years to be fiscally responsible with the budget from the District, United Way, and certainly 5HF.

We are requesting additional funding for Plan Year 8 as we look to institute a new program. We have wrestled with what exactly should we do with our students who have been campers, and have aged out of camp, and also are too young to be on staff. In particular these students completing sixth and seventh grades are sometimes an 'overlooked' group. During the summertime in particular, we still believe they benefit from structured activity throughout the week, rather than being sedentary or unengaged at home. We will assign an assistant director to be solely responsible for our new GABIKA Leadership program. While we do not have all of the details ironed out yet, the goal is to have them still meet three days each week during the summer and engage in many of the camp activities. What will likely be different are the field trips as well as the addition of a 'community service' component each week and possibly one larger project over the course of the summer. We hope to continue this outstanding partnership and journey of growth for health and wellness in the community. Thank you for your consideration of Camp GABIKA for Plan Year 8 funding.