

THE BIG FIVE OH!

An Example Project

The following is intended to describe a typical project that could be funded through the Middletown High School Class of '63 BIG FIVE OH! Class fund.

In our discussions with community leaders, we learned that there is a focus on Middletown's educational system as a driver for community improvement. That struck a nerve with us because of our class being formed within the educational system.

We further learned about the substantial effects that early childhood education has been found to have on subsequent academic performance. Because of this, Middletown has created a pre-school reading program whose participants have shown very positive results.

Here's where we could come in.... Currently, there is limited funding available for the program. At the same time, there are more applicants to the program than spaces available (especially those who cannot pay). It looks like a great opportunity. The program is in place and tested. The applicants want to participate in the early academic preparation of their children. If more funds were available, more could participate...simple as that. We could help make that happen!

Please understand that this project has not been selected as a recipient of BIG FIVE OH! funds. The use of funds will be directed by a committee of our classmates each year. This description is simply being provided as an example of how WE, as the CLASS OF '63, can pay forward and help impact the future of those in the community that did so much for us