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My name is Pamela Schoonover, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Stanton. I have been in this position since 1999 and have been employed with the Club since 1988.

The Boys & Girls Club of Stanton is a non-profit youth membership organization for children ages 6 to 18. Our mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

For our organization, access to high speed internet is very important in the daily operations of our facility. We need to be informed and updated daily from Boys & Girls Clubs of America, and the Internet is their form of communication. In today's world we all need to be able to communicate quickly and efficiently. For us it is especially important.

The Boys & Girls Club of Stanton is in a low income area and the need to provide Broadband for our youth is important to them when it comes to homework and communication with other Club members. Children need fast access in order to get the information they need in order to complete school projects. Our goal is to make sure it is available to them.

For us, since we deal with children ages 6 to 18, having the access to technology of all types is important to our youth. The need to learn is of the utmost importance and something we must provide in order for our children to be successful in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

I'd like to tell you one of our success stories. It involves a young girl and an opportunity for her to go to a week-long camp. A horse camp in San Diego, CA e-mailed me about an opportunity for one of our Club children to be able to attend their summer camp for one week on a scholarship.

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One of our Club kids, a young lady named Anastacia, was going through tough times. She had recently been put in a foster home due to the fact that her mother had left her. Fortunately, her aunt found out and was able to petition the county to take her and Anastacia was still able to come to the Club each day and attend her home school. One of my staff found out that Anastacia loved horses and hoped to ride one someday. All of this happened within days of each other and I guess I felt that it was meant to be for Anastacia to attend this camp. What an amazing experience Anastacia had - and at a time in her life when she felt unwanted.

If we did not have Broadband High Speed Internet at our Boys & Girls Club, we probably would not have been able to take advantage of this opportunity for Anastacia. We needed fast, easy Internet access in order to provide the necessary paperwork in a matter of minutes for this scholarship to happen.

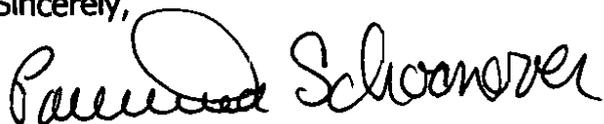
Another reason why Broadband access is so important to us is because most Foundations and Corporations have grant applications online and this is the only way to access and complete them. The day of being able to mail your application is closing, as everyone wants information instantly. As a non-profit, grants are a way for us to provide funding for our organization so that we can continue the work we do for the children of our community. Without these grants - and without Broadband to access and complete them - we would not be able to provide many of the programs we currently offer.

Broadband is a way to learn, communicate, work and live in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. We all need to be connected in order to achieve what is needed to succeed in. Personally, it is a way for me to communicate with my Board of Directors, get our Club's story out and more. For our youth, access to Broadband is knowing they have a place they can come and be able to succeed in getting schoolwork done, and finding the information they need.

If you need additional information, please feel free to contact me at:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela Schoonover". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "P".

Pamela Schoonover, Executive Director