



# South Wilmington PLANNING NETWORK

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**RE: Donation Request of \$1000 to Support Health Education in the form of Cooking Demonstrations**

The South Wilmington Planning Network (SWPN) functions in collaboration with neighborhood residents, state and local governments, nonprofit organizations, and private agencies. The mission of the Network is to serve as a vehicle for information-sharing. By working collaboratively to leverage resources for neighborhood projects, the SWPN seeks to ensure that communities like Southbridge remain healthy spaces *for all* to live, work, and play.

The SWPN is partnering with the University of Delaware Cooperative Extension to conduct cooking demonstrations at community events held at The Neighborhood House in Southbridge, Delaware. Due to health regulations in Delaware, produce used in demonstrations must be purchased directly from commercial sources.

The South Wilmington Planning Network is requesting \$1000 in order to provide produce for educational demonstrations on healthy eating during a series of Community Dinners and Youth Farm Stand events this year. Funds would support free and healthy cooking demonstrations on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month from May through September 2017 by providing the needed produce.

Through the Youth Farm Stand Program, young residents receive first-hand experience and are exposed to the complex processes of successful urban farming, including: planting, germinating, composting, harvesting, marketing, pricing, and selling of various fruits, vegetables, and flowers. The Community Dinner Program, held in conjunction with Farm Stand events, is designed to help bring people from the local community together to share a healthy meal and participate in health education discussions and activities.

If granted a donation from the Kenny Family Foundation, the SWPN will have the resources to expand our Youth Gardening Program from **growing** and **selling** to also include **cooking** and **eating!**

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at (607) 592-7650 or via email at [brittsalen@ejinitiative.org](mailto:brittsalen@ejinitiative.org).

Sincerely,

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