

Name of Organization: Yo, Bro! A Call to Men

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Make check out to: Yo, Bro! A Call to Men Club-Truckee High School

Amount requested: \$1750

What, specifically, will the funds be used for?: Yo, Bro! A Call to Men is club at Truckee High School that is focusing on Community Service, Graduation, and redefining 'The Man Box'. This year for our service project, we have partnered with the Roundhouse Makerspace for a group of students from the club, who weren't able to get into the Truckee High Welding program, to design and fabricate a bike rack to give back to the Town of Truckee. Unfortunately many of our members have set a negative tone in the community with their eBikes, so this is an opportunity to 'rebrand' these students through community service while providing essential skills that will help them pursue a trade in the future. This is a pilot program that we wish to replicate multiple times throughout the year so students who can't get into the impacted program on site, will still get access to these essential trade skills. The money raised will pay for the cost of the Roundhouse (a discounted rate of \$35/student/session) as well as the materials needed to build the bike rack.

Funds you have already raised: We have already received some funding from the Truckee High Boosters club and are hosting a FIFA tournament at the High School to help supplement the cost.

Describe the need: The dollars that may be donated from Rotary will help us launch this program. Many of the members in Yo, Bro! are not on a traditional '4 Year University' track and would thrive from having exposure to design, manufacturing and fabrication skills. If we ignite an interest in these students now, it will be much easier to keep them on track to apply and attend trade schools after High School. In addition, many of our students have already shown up at our previous events and helped the community in a way that others thought wouldn't be possible. A lot of our participants don't enjoy school or have grades that reflect their capacity. They do however love to support the place in which they live and if we can find a path that is interesting to them, they will want to come to school. Within the year and half of our creation, our club has grown to over 75 members, most of which have already reached their Community Service goals for graduation requirement through our established partnerships within the community.

Number of TRUCKEE citizens affected by Project: Hundreds, this completed bike rack will hopefully be displayed in a prominent location around town so there is lots of use from Truckee Bikers.

Have you applied to us for funding before?: Yes

Describe community service your organization already participates in: Within one year of creation, our club has partnered with Truckee Elementary providing over 100 volunteers to their various events. Last year we hosted a 'Do You Want to Build a Snowman' event that allowed elementary aged students to come and celebrate community for free. This year we are collaborating with Truckee Elementary to host a 'Bike Rodeo' in the spring where our club members will educate the students on bike safety. (This event is still a work in progress, but looks to have great success).

All funds awarded by Truckee Rotary are raised by our club's annual fundraising gala, the Cadillac Ball, and the Rotary Raffle. The amount of money raised at the Cadillac Ball directly affects how much funding is available for distribution throughout the year. To that end, all grant recipients are asked to participate in at least one of the following activities. How can your organization help us fundraise? (Check all that apply): Donate a silent auction item to Cadillac Ball (see next question for creative ideas), Help sell Cadillac Ball tickets, Help sell Rotary Raffle tickets

Can your organization donate a silent auction item to Cadillac Ball? If so, please describe item(s) below. Be creative! Some ideas include: your team will donate 5 members to do 3 hours of yard work; one of your board members has a vacation home in Carmel and can donate a weekend stay; one of your club members owns a winery and will donate a tasting; one of your parents owns a local restaurant and can donate a gift certificate; your band or dance group can organize a cocktail party at a private home where you perform, etc.: We could try to fabricate something at the Makerspace to donate to the Cadillac Ball or we could always donate members to volunteer their time to support the Cadillac Ball event, or any other events that may be occurring.