



Office of the Mayor

James J. Schmitt
Mayor

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Harry Sydney
My Brother's Keeper

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in support of Harry Sydney and his Green Bay based nonprofit organization called My Brother's Keeper. Mr. Sydney is one of Green Bay's most admirable figures and the work he does with troubled youth in our community is invaluable.

My Brother's Keeper has an 11 year history of providing "straight talk and sound direction" through his youth and adult mentoring services. The City of Green Bay and the Green Bay Redevelopment Authority is a strong partner with Mr. Sydney to bring his no nonsense style of straight talk and sound direction to our neighborhood park programs and school based referral system. This program reaches individuals in our community that otherwise, would be forgotten.

It's Harry's background in Criminology and Juvenile Justice that gives him the ability to lead mentoring sessions, but it's his time playing professional football and life experiences that allows him to excel at helping people find their way. I'm always impressed by the way My Brother's Keeper can take a, once troubled and forgotten, child and turn them into a thriving, respectable citizen of the Green Bay community.

I commend Mr. Sydney for his innovative approach and commitment to My Brother's Keeper. His relentless drive is admirable and reminds me just how important every person is in our community.

Sincerely,

Mayor James J. Schmitt, City of Green Bay