

[WALK ON STAGE, STAND CENTER STAGE]

Good Afternoon. We want to thank everyone that has come out today to come and support us. [PAUSE AND SMILE]

[ROAM AROUND STAGE, NEVER LEAVING MORE THAN 3 FT. FROM CENTER]

When I was kid my parents didn't have enough money to get much but food and clothes for me and my siblings. So while all of my friends were out riding their bikes together [HALF PAUSE] I would stay home.

But, when I turned 7 my neighbor Harold, [HALF PAUSE] a 60 year old scrapper gave me a used bike that he had gotten from an auction. I couldn't believe it. I was so happy, I had a bike of my own and could go and ride with my friends. I wrecked it within a week... [PAUSE] As a underprivileged kid I still remember the kindness, thoughtfulness and selflessness that Harold showed me through this bike he gave me. Harold made an impact that was undeniably monumental especially at a young age. As I have gone through my life I have tried to be thoughtful, kind and selfless to everyone that I have met. [HALF PAUSE] This memory inspired me to work with our team to produce a new program with similar aspects.

[MOVE TO LEFT SIDE OF STAGE]

The Harold Program [PAUSE] is the name of the program that we are looking to implement through Aggie Blue Bikes and it is very close to all of us. We are looking to provide bikes and bike equipment to underprivileged kids here in Cache Valley. But we cannot do it alone, we need your help to achieve this dream that we have and with we know that with your help this program can be more than what it already is. [PAUSE]

[BACK TO CENTER]

The age range that we will be looking to help is 3 - 18 years old. We know that there is a wide age range of underprivileged children and we want to be able to help give them the a bike, helmet and spare bike tube so that they can enjoy the beauty of Cache Valley, be with friends and or family and to learn about the importance of commuting. We will be in close work with local programs such as BRAGS, HRA and NRG who specialize in helping families find low-income housing. Some of these people are your neighbors and friends you may not know that they don't have a lot. We believe that strong communities are through those who want to help their neighbors and support them and we believe that this is a step in that direction.

[MOVE TOWARDS FRONT OF STAGE, CENTERED]

We are looking for: [half-pause] bikes in all sizes for all ages new or old, bike helmets, and spare bike tubes to give with each bike. Of course we are accepting of cash donations as well. This 2019 summer we will be holding several bike races to raise money where 70% of the proceeds will go directly to the Harold Program.

Anyone who donates \$25 dollars or more, cash or equipment will get their name not only on our website under Donor or Sponsors page but also will have it engraved in their own brick that will be put up on our new brick walkway that will be put in at the end of the 2019 summer.

Thank you. [Applause]

[LEAVE STAGE]

Explanation:

This is a Why? Speech. The reason I feel it is that way and wrote it is to let my audience know why we were doing fundraising. Why Aggie Blue Bikes is looking to implement this new program. I wanted the audience to know the reasons behind why the Harold Programm was coming about and why it was important. Through the story that I told and the significance of it I feel that I accomplished writing a speech that answers the audience's question of Why this is important. I believe that if I were to extend the speech to 5 minutes I would be able to go into more detail that as a community this shows that we have strong ties with everyone and aren't divided by class or economical status. With this I could go into more research and detail about towns that have strong ties where crime rates and such could potentially be lower.

Setting:

The setting choice I would have would be in the TSC Ballroom, late afternoon, in the middle of April. The reason that we would have it indoors is just in case if it was raining or snowing so that the audience doesn't get cold or uncomfortable. We will need chairs for the audiences to sit at as well as tables with refreshments. Around the refreshments we would have favorite treats and drinks of Harold and the rest of the ABB crew for the audience to try and have. The theme will be set up by the catering services provided by USU. There will be four tables with a crew member sitting behind them for people to make donations to at two and to sign up for events or get more information at the other two.