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Dear Valued Community Supporter,

My name is Raja Belle Freeman. I'm a young poet, teaching artist, and South Euclid resident. I'm leading a campaign to raise money to build a skate ramp in Bexley Park with Councilwoman Sara Cantinena, Community Intern K'larissa Denson, and the Bexley Community group. The Bexley Community Group is a neighborhood group focused on developing a variety of opportunities for activities in Bexley Park. We need your help to raise enough money to make this dream a reality.

We are asking for your donation to our crowdfunding campaign. By donating, you are supporting the vision of building a multipurpose area at Bexley Park which will serve as a safe, welcoming place for the youth of our city to recreate. South Euclid does not have a recreation center. Due to the pandemic and subsequent closures, recreation options are even more limited. This takes a great toll on mental and physical health. There are many children and young adults riding bikes, skateboards, etc. in the streets of South Euclid, which are ultimately not the safest place for them to enjoy those activities. By creating a space for them to gather and recreate, we are sending a message to neighborhood youth that our community cares about them. We have already engaged several youth who have expressed interest in this project.

We ask that you help to support youth in this community by donating to our campaign. Every little bit counts! For a minimum \$500 sponsorship, your organization's logo will be featured on the signage at the park and on our social media page. For a limited time, there is also a 1:1 match on all donations up to \$500 to support our campaign. This is a great opportunity for our community to come together to demonstrate support for our youth. This link takes you to our campaign: <https://ioby.org/project/pave-bexley-pump-track>. You can also write a check payable to **One South Euclid**, with "Bexley Fundraiser" in the memo.

Funds from this campaign will pay for us to pave the underutilized bicycle pump track in Bexley Park, allowing for enhanced usage (skating, biking, scooters, roller blades, etc). We also want to eventually put a couple benches in the area, and ultimately build more skate jumps and an art wall on which youth can express themselves artistically. We will implement focus groups with youth to make sure the project genuinely reflects their goals and interests. We will work with park staff to ascertain the safety and security of the space and those who use it.

With your contribution, the young people of South Euclid would be able to gather in a safe space designed for their needs. Thank you so much for your consideration in supporting our community's youth!

Sincerely,

Raja Freeman
Bexley Community Group