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To Whom it May Concern,

We are co-captains of this year's *FIRST* Robotics team at St. Mildred's Lightbourn School (SMLS). We are writing to you today because we are seeking sponsors and support for our all-girls robotics team.

When first joining SWAT 771, we were some of the team's youngest members. At the time we were completely unaware of what running a *FIRST* Robotics team entailed of us. Nearly 5 years later we have made great progress and have managed to establish a successful and reputable team in the *FIRST* Community.

Our team was the first all girls team in Canada and continues to be the longest standing Canadian all-girls team. We are the first all-girls team in the world to have won a Regional Chairman's Award, the most prestigious award in the competition. Over the years we have also won numerous safety, team spirit and entrepreneurial awards. In 2011 SWAT 771 celebrated its tenth anniversary, which proved to be one of our strongest seasons yet. Our team's hard work and dedication had truly paid off when we achieved two of *FIRST*'s most reputable awards the Engineering Inspiration (EI) Award and the Regional Chairman's Award. In 2012 we came back strong again picking up yet another EI Award.

We are one of a handful of all-female teams competing in the *FIRST* Robotics program worldwide. Visit any regional competition and one thing stands out: the boys outnumber the girls. The St. Mildred's team is unique in that every girl's voice is heard, every girl's contribution is valued and every girl gets hands-on experience in every aspect of *FIRST* Robotics. Most of all, we've learned that WE CAN DO ANYTHING.

The Knowledge that we have gained and the experiences that we have had as a result of being on this *FIRST* Robotics team simply can't be put into words. We wish to provide all students at our school with the same life changing experiences that we have had. We hope that you can help make our goals a reality by sponsoring our team. Attached is some information about the *FIRST* program, our team and where your funds will be going. We thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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Co-Captains and Senior Students at St. Mildred's-Lightbourn School