Boys to Men Canada Mentoring Network

We help Boys become Good Men

June 15, 2012

Dear Sir/Madam:

Boys to Men Canada is a registered federal charity (#843580465RR0001) and a member of the Boys to Men International community. Boys to Men has an exemplary track record of delivering its programs to boys and communities around the world for over 16 years. Our community based and school based programs deliver positive, measurable outcomes to boys' lives. We help boys become good men and great contributors to community.

In the past, Boys to Men Canada had provided support to Grant Waldman of Cowichan Men's Resource Centre (CMRC) aka West Coast Men's Support Society (WCMSS) to run the Boys to Men Canada community based program on Vancouver Island. There have been discussions to have the WCMSS enter into a formalized written agency agreement with Boys to Men Canada to officially represent Boys to Men Canada on Vancouver Island. Based on information we learnt during our formal due diligence, we have recently terminated all relations with CMRC/WCMSS.

During the course of this due diligence process, Boys to Men Canada discovered that CMRC/WCMSS had used our brand and represented ownership of our programs to apply for and raise funds in our name from grant organizations, NGO's and foundations without our knowledge, authorization or consent.

This letter is to advise you that any decision you may have taken in awarding or advancing funds to support our cause in British Columbia, was made without our knowledge, authorization or consent. It does not represent funding in any way of Boys to Men Canada or our acceptance of any liability for covenants, terms and conditions upon which your organization may have advanced funding.

In April of this year, I notified both CMRC/WCMSS to stop using the Boys to Men brand, materials and programing. In addition, they were told to cease and desist from representing to the public and to funders, that they have rights to raise funds in the Boys to Men name or rights to use our name and programs. We are also notifying generous benefactors such as you to eliminate any further possibility of confusion.

At this time, we would like to thank you for your confidence in Boys to Men and if you feel that you can or wish to continue supporting it directly, we would be very much interested in your continued support and would be happy to meet with you directly or through the intermediary of who will be keeping the Mantra of Boys to Men alive and well in BC, as we will continue to deliver Boys to Men programs in communities and in schools throughout British Columbia, the same way that we have successfully done for six years in the other Canadian geographies. We are most proud of our innovative and highly successful Boys to Men School-Based program at Cedar Community Secondary School in Nanaimo.

I look forward to the opportunity to discuss this further with you. I will contact you in the next thirty days to set a date for this discussion. Meanwhile, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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