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Dear Sprout Fund Grant Managers:

The Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh is one of the largest social service, recreational and educational organizations in the region. For more than 120 years, the JCC has enriched our community by creating an environment rooted in Jewish values that strengthens the physical, intellectual and spiritual well-being of individuals and families.

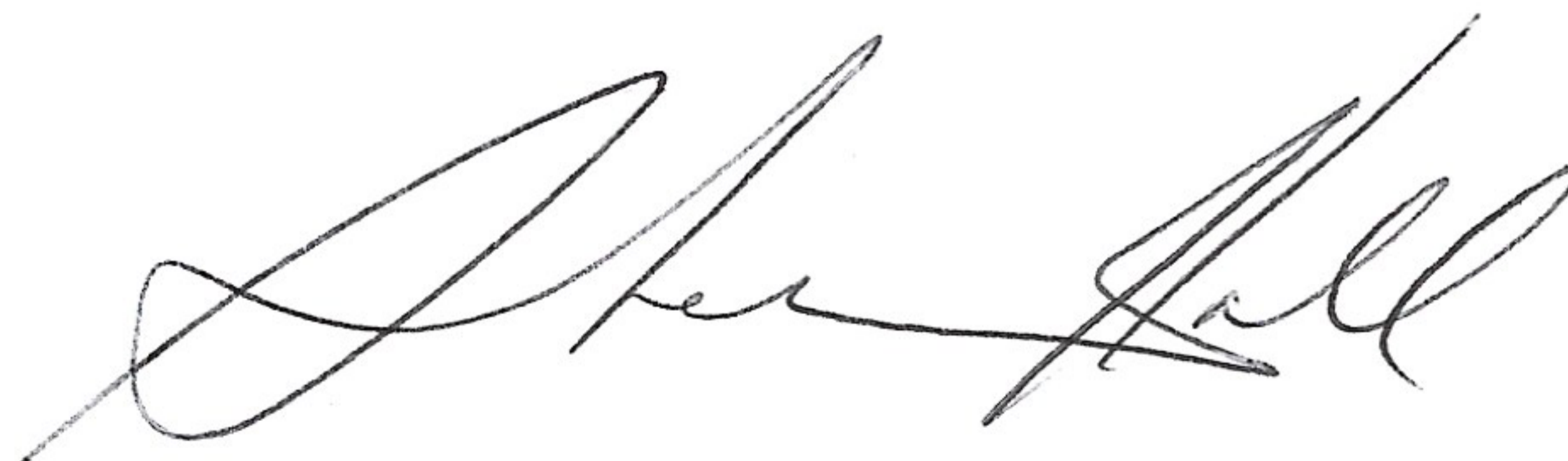
Comprehensive programming includes child care, preschool, after-school and school's-out programs, day and overnight camping, senior adult activities, fitness and wellness programs, special needs services, arts and cultural activities including a nationally-accredited Jewish museum and scores of programs for all ages and interests.

The JCC houses fitness and wellness facilities, swimming pools and an Olympic-size outdoor pool for summer use, gymnasiums, squash/racquetball courts, outdoor playgrounds, auditoriums, dance studios, classrooms and meeting areas.

Mark Rauterkus and his family have been members and active participants at the JCC for many years and we are happy to support the grant application for LRNG.org and digital badge with this letter. We all share great concerns about Pittsburgh's community and work hard to make the city better.

The JCC could offer some enrichments for [Play.CLOH.org](http://Play.CLOH.org) and may one-day offer our own digital badges and playlists to our members in future years, depending upon the progress and outcomes of the system.

In the near future, a couple common interest areas have been discussed among JCC staff and Mark Rauterkus including possible experiences (XPs) with the JCC via our Special Olympics volunteers and possible reward camp / trip for the higher achievers at year end at either the HENRY KAUFMANN FAMILY RECREATION PARK in Monroeville or the EMMA KAUFMANN CAMP on 200 acres along Cheat Lake near Morgantown, West Virginia,



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