

## We are Sheboygan County Proposal: Narrative

“We are Sheboygan County” is the vision of Leslie G. Laster of Leading with Grace Mentoring and Consulting, LLC. I have thought about this project for several years, actually since I brought the color brave exhibit to Sheboygan County. I have thought for the last several years what an amazing way to personalize people and share differences as well as commonalities. We have seen far too often the lack of empathy and humane treatment of each other in many situations. This exhibit is being created to positively portray the diverse populations that reside in Sheboygan County. The purpose of this display is to highlight the rich diversity and create empathy through visual storytelling of those who live here. Similar to projects two other counties have placed on display (<https://www.greenbaypressgazette.com/story/news/local/door-co/entertainment/2018/08/21/color-brave-fit-oshkosh-visits-door-county/1047465002/> and the Crowns Exhibit celebrating Black hair in Fond du Lac <https://fdlpl.org/news/celebrate-natural-hair-during-august-langdon-divers-community-gallery>) this project would be displayed in many places in the county, including schools, business etc. and ideally would create space for people to discuss issues of diversity in a brave space led by the creator, Leslie. This exhibit will provide space for conversations centered around my education and training in addition to the walk through experience provides a much more empathic path to understanding each other, creating more opportunities to learn and grow around inclusion. As the author and creator I aim to express others stories to show the value of diversity and break stereotypes and biases through real life people. At this time I have been in communication with 5th Color but have not solidified costing, as I would prefer to use all local sources.

At this time I am seeking not only funding but eventually spaces to display this exhibit.

I am seeking financial sponsors at this time to assist with costs associated with the project.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Leslie G. Laster

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