



Better Bound Bookstore and Youth Development Corp.

\$10,000 Grant Recipient

Director: Sharon Floyd

Grace Liaisons: Bobby Schavey and Mary Vettorel

Mission: To increase economic and academic opportunity for underserved youth while developing work force and life skills development.

Funds from this grant will assist Better Bound to further their mission of providing economic and academic opportunity to underserved youth through workforce and life skills development.

The BBBS and its participants run an e-commerce store, selling items donated to the program. This is one of the ways the youth learn life skills.

Bobby Schavey delivered the grant check to Sharon Floyd and spoke with her about their program while he toured their facility. Here's what Bobby shares about BBBS:

“What they do specifically is to identify “at risk” youth. They give them a job paying \$15/hour to help with the on-line store. (The reason for the wage of \$15/hr is that this keeps the Youth in the program rather than going to a fast food place where they will not receive the help they need). They accept donations of books and clothes that are new or lightly used. The youth learn how to measure the clothing and make the on-line posts. There is also a “curriculum” teaching basic life skills such as self-esteem, dealing with others, finances, etc. Further, they must attend school and complete their education. Sharon’s husband works at the solicitors office. The idea is for Sharon to work with the Youth before they see her husband at the solicitors office!”