



### **TomTod Ideas asks *What If You Could?* with grant from Stark Community Foundation.**

Canton, OH – June 14, 2016 – TomTod Ideas will ask middle school students *what if?* for another year. The organization's **What If You Could** mentorship program has been partially funded by a \$6,675 grant from The Grace Wallace Sullivan Field of Interest Fund at Stark Community Foundation.

Through **What If You Could**, TomTod Ideas engages middle school students in a 6-18 month long experiential mentorship program, where students enact their ideas to improve communities while learning about social issues, developing interdisciplinary skills, and collaborating with adults to plan and execute their ideas.

The Grace Wallace Sullivan Field of Interest Fund supports innovative programs that focus on youth.

"Stark Community Foundation's generous grant towards our mentor-based, idea-launching program 'What If You Could' will enable us to tell middle school students 'now you can!'" said Joel Daniel Harris, Founder and Executive Dreamer at TomTod Ideas. "We're grateful for such forward-thinking community partners."

The Stark Community Foundation grant will fund the program in multiple ways, including project management tools, training middle school students in fundraising and grant writing, and organizational and team supplies.

Other **What If You Could** projects originated by TomTod Ideas middle school students include *The Anti-Hunger Games*, a Stark County hunger awareness initiative benefitting food and grocery distribution to low-income families and children; *Spark the Park*, a public park renovation and rejuvenation project; and *The Water Walk*, an annual student-led simulation of harsh sub-Saharan walking conditions to search for drinkable water, providing awareness and benefiting Nuru International.

To learn more about **What If You Could**, visit [tomtodideas.org/whatifyoucould](http://tomtodideas.org/whatifyoucould) and follow TomTod Ideas on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram at @tomtodideas.

#### About TomTod Ideas

TomTod Ideas empowers tomorrow's ideas from today's middle school students. The non-profit runs a mentoring program, summer camp, and in-school learning cohorts, all asking the question *what if?* while engaging middle school students in idea development and implementation for the common good. Learn about ideas launched by middle school students and how your middle school student can get involved at [tomtodideas.org](http://tomtodideas.org) or [facebook.com/tomtodideas](https://facebook.com/tomtodideas).



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absurd ideas that enhance the common good.