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When life was a mess, rowing gave it order. I worked out my anxieties on that oar; my pain and anger at God, Ioneliness, my frustrations with school work, relationships and finances. They all condensed into big swirling vortexes off the end of my oar, puddles that gently swirled into the ether and were lost to sight behind me.



The Mon Valley Rowing Club (MVRC) has a BIG vision, and we invite you to partner with us in this exciting new adventure. This January, the MVRC will welcome its first high school rowers.

Rowing is a unique sport and fosters the following:

- **Big Picture Exposure.** Rowing presents a big picture of the world as youth compete nationally and regattas are attended by high school, collegiate, and masters teams.
- Strong Work Ethic. Rowing encourages a positive outlook as youth constantly break their own records and advance as rowers.
- **College Connections.** Rowing is a great means for assistance with college scholarships and admissions.
- Relational Growth. Most importantly, rowing teaches
 relationship skills as youth learn to be dependable and depend on
 others in a respectful environment.

Our vision is to begin the team with 20 rowers, but pursue an aggressive growth strategy that will allow us to have a team of 300-500 in ten years. We are dreaming big! We see MVRC as an investment not only in the youth of today, but in the transformation of the Mon Valley.

Rowing is a costly sport, in fact, cost is one of the primary obstacles for youth who desire to row. We are so sold on the life-changing capacity of rowing that our vision is to offer generous scholarships so any student who is committed to rowing can do so.

Because we care about the whole person, MVRC has partnered with Family Guidance Mentoring, the oldest most, successful nationally accredited one-to-one mentoring program in the country. Family Guidance will be providing mentoring for rowers who could benefit from additional adult support.

We are seeking partners for the MVRC. As a partner, you believe in the value of a youth rowing team in the Mon Valley and the possibilities it presents for enriching the lives of young people. You believe that investing in our valley is worth the time, money and effort.

The MVRC is raising \$50,000. A generous donor has offered a matching gift of \$25,000 which we are hoping to meet through your generosity. Your tax-deductible donation of any amount will be valued and appreciated. Donate securely online at monvalleyrowingclub.org or via check payable to "Mon Valley Rowing Club" sent to the address below.

For our business sponsors, we are offering advertising opportunities on our team t-shirts, and your company logo on oars and boats. Please see the attached document describing our sponsorship levels.