

# Be Sensitive Foundation Goals

A strategy for supporting nonprofit organizations that service the needs of under-served gifted and talented children.

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## Director's Message

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**Our mission is an important next step in creating a community that makes education even better.**

All children are entitled to an education that helps them reach their full potential. Yet, we have not always provided adequate learning opportunities for our most able and high-performing children and young people. Gifted and talented children are exceptional, like all children, they need to be encouraged, challenged and inspired if they are to reach their full potential.

So much of our success is due to trust. Because we trust each other, we are more authentically ourselves, we take smart risks and we achieve greater things as a collective than as individuals. This kind of trust does not mean we know everything, but we do believe in our own capacity to succeed. We welcome participation with strategic partners in their philanthropy and are confident in our collective abilities to accomplish our mission. We look forward to working with you to put our strategies into action.

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# *Be Sensitive Foundation*

## **Be Sensitive Foundation is set to place the education of gifted and talented children back on the social agenda.**

All children are entitled to an education that is engaging, challenging and helps them reach their full potential. Yet, in United States and in many parts of the world, we have not always provided adequate learning opportunities for our most able and high- performing children and young people.

Gifted and talented children have outstanding potential or ability in one or more of a wide range of areas, such as literacy, mathematics, sport, music, visual and performing arts. While their abilities are exceptional, like all children, they need to be encouraged, challenged and inspired if they are to reach their full potential.

The Be Sensitive Foundation is committing to a renewed focus on gifted and talented education and a greater support for their families teachers and educational leaders. **[Be Remarkable Projects](#)** are an important next step in creating a community that makes gifted and talented education even better.

We support not-for-profit organizations that work with parents, families and care-takers of gifted and talented learners.

# Funding Goals and Objectives

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Our goal is to help heighten awareness of the challenges faced by nonprofits that service the needs of under-recognized and often under-served gifted and talented children. Fund pathway programs that help raise awareness of the learning requirements of brilliantly gifted and exceptionally talented children.

A five (5) year plan of action – At a glance

- Increase collaboration between gifted and talented learners and members of the community, business and industry.
- Create a low cost identification toolkit for parents and care-takers of gifted and talented children while growing [Be Remarkable Projects](#).
- Support gifted and talented education networks within and between early childhood settings and schools with more extended learning opportunities online.
- Help build the capacity of careers practitioners and teachers to engage gifted and talented young people.
- Work with universities to encourage opportunities for pre-service learning in gifted and talented education and encourage postgraduate study in gifted education.
- Provide support for early childhood settings and schools to evaluate their programs.

# Funding Initiatives

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Support campaigns and advocate for successful models for identification, curriculum and rewarding gifted and talented students.

Provide funding support for:

- ❖ Leaders in early childhood settings and schools
  - ❖ Organizations that provide professional G&T learning for teachers
  - ❖ Identification toolkit for early childhood professionals and teachers
  - ❖ New guidelines for early entry to school and acceleration
  - ❖ Tools and strategies that support effective identification of gifted and talented children
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- Generate \$12 million for educational and community organizations to develop and deliver high-quality extension programs for gifted and talented students.
  - Generate \$15 million for selected nonprofits that provide outreach and development activities for innovative and inventive students.