

From: Adam Roberts
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 4:21 PM
To: Richard Superfine
Cc: Erika Wozniak
Subject: Gift Accepted by 39th Alderman Samantha Nugent - 11/17/2020

Good afternoon Mr. Superfine,

I hope all is well.

I would like to report that today, 11/17/2020, Alderman Nugent received a copy of the book "The POWER of the POSSIBLE" by Valerie Groth in the mail.

Per the back cover of the book, the text is valued at \$14.99. Photos of both the front and back covers of the book are attached.

Please let the record reflect the acceptance of this gift.

Should you need additional information, please let me know.

Thank you,
Adam

Adam Roberts
39th Ward Public Service Office
Alderman Samantha Nugent

After many years serving as a social worker in inner city Chicago public schools, Valerie Groth became convinced this educational system — used in many of America's inner city schools — was not serving the needs of countless underprivileged students. She counseled thousands of students who were expected to learn in often severely dysfunctional environments, a far cry from any atmosphere where true education could take place. Valerie also discovered that students' need for hunger and malnourishment, physical or emotional abuse, and exposure to violence at home and in their schools were present.

In *The Power of the Possible*, Valerie Groth shines a light on the direst conditions that so many inner city teachers, social workers, administrators, and students face on a daily basis and offers a distinctive vision and innovative solution model toward this dilemma's solution. Ryan Banks Academy — Chicago's first residential school for urban youth — is building a community of learners who will be insulated from the violence, abuse and turmoil so prevalent in America's inner cities, while providing them with a well-balanced, stimulating and rigorous, engaging environment, as well as the essential social/emotional support necessary reserved for only the wealthy and privileged.

"The time is now for a revolution in education that embraces and upholds the highest ideals and delivers them to the youth of inner city America."

~Valerie Groth



VALERIE GROTH is a social entrepreneur who is best known for inspiring possibility through her leadership as a nonprofit founder, executive coach, and internationally acclaimed speaker. After years working as a school social worker in Chicago's inner city schools, Valerie founded Ryan Banks Academy, a nonprofit dedicated to building Chicago's first residential school for underserved youth. Valerie has received national attention for her innovative work to transform the educational landscape for urban students.



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