**From:** Lewis, Chris

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**Subject:** Follow up on Rotary meeting: Bringing together non-profits, service groups and more in mid-Michigan

We had a great conversation about starting a Spark in Mid-Michigan. If you were not able to attend, I have included a link below to some documents as well as a link to the video that you can watch.

Videos - <https://youtu.be/DpGJTTxKY7g>

Documents - <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1f6QkmtqhFwro1OYjmVYE-ZfJnm41aejI?usp=sharing>

After watching and looking documents, please consider signing up on this form to get more involved in the project: <https://forms.gle/4ZGW1R4Fqfp1jpzb9>

We have a tight window to try and raise the $5000 to be able to get a match of $5000 to make this happen and I am hoping that we can pull together to do just that!

Let me know if you have questions I can answer!

Sincerely,

Christopher Lewis

**From:** Lewis, Chris
**Sent:** Saturday, February 20, 2021 8:37 PM
**Subject:** Bringing together non-profits, service groups and more in mid-Michigan

Recently, the Williamston Sunrise Rotary Club, has heard that there are times in our community where there are people that are in extreme need for aid, but it is not always easy to allow for these people to connect with the resources at hand. Enter Spark in the Dark, a space for non-profits and local community members to come together to serve the needs of all

**What is Spark in the Dark**

Spark in the Dark is redefining the impact that social media can have on a community by connecting people in need directly with people who are able to help in their area. In doing so, thus far they have connected 12,000+ needs to solutions every year since 2017.

As the first of it's kind, Spark in the Dark is changing the nonprofit sector by using technology and social media to turn online conversations into offline communities.

They never turn away those with unusual or difficult needs. They walk alongside their members, connecting them to a local community with the resources to help solve their challenges.

Spark in the Dark has been supported in the past by the Traverse City rotary foundation and as of date they have also expanded to having "Sparks" in Traverse City, Mt. Pleasant, Manistee and Midland / Bay City.

On Tuesday, Feb 23 at 5:30 pm, Abagail McKiernan, founder of [Spark in the Dark](https://www.sparkinthedark.org/), a non-profit that started in Traverse City, Michigan will be joining the Williamston Sunrise Rotary Club as their guest to talk about Spark in the Dark and what it would take to create a new "spark" in the mid-Michigan area that would support the needs of all residents.

Join us to see how your organization can be involved: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83571989599?pwd=ZUdJMjFMdWtUd0NlSXl2TVpoSU1MQT09>

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