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GOLD International Finance & Life Skills Training Center Project Narrative

Fund-Raising Initiative to Raise \$1,000,000.00

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This first-of-its-kind program has as its niche that makes it different from all others - Job/Trade Training coupled with our “Life-Skills” component – Personal Development Coaching (to remove the effects of negative experiences and the blockade to success). Participants will experience practical hands-on trades training, classroom teaching, and personal development coaching. As participants develop a changed mindset, they can more easily embrace and apply the other life-skills components of the program – Personal Credit Restoration, and Financial Literacy.

Our goal for this project is to have one of these centers in every underserved community in the United States that can serve as a good model for other under-developed countries. This project will provide participants with life-changing skills such as high-paying, high in-demand trades, and job skills, while simultaneously working on their personal issues, their mindset - developing a positive mental attitude, to make them rounded highly respected productive members of our communities. This project also has the potential to solve many of the issues that are plaguing minority communities, from the high percentage of crime and gun violence, high unemployment, low-paying jobs, and low home-ownership, just to name a few.

We are seeking to raise a minimum of One Million US Dollars \$1,000,000.00 that will serve as seed capital to raise the total funding amount needed for the first phase of the project – building the first Center in Metro Atlanta Georgia.

We have no excuses to get this done, and there is no need to be dependent on the government that has failed us for too long when we are now in a position to help ourselves. We can do this if we work together, with each of us playing a part no matter how small.

Project Preamble

A community's self-determination begins with self-love, then the control of every sector of the economy, to provide a healthy productive environment from which jobs are created to generate the funds needed to feed, educate, and house the members of the community to live a higher quality of life. The idea behind the vision to build Life Skills Training Centers comes from the 'Teach A Man To Fish' rather than Give Him a Fish' principle. This first-of-its-kind life skills training center once completed will provide a second chance opportunity to the 'outcast' and forgotten members of the community and convert many into well respected productive citizens that will make positive contributions to society.

Among the many issues that are affecting underserved minority communities is the unproductive male syndrome. When a large number of males from any society have limited education, job skills, and high unemployment, these men become a 'menace to that society'. This issue is compounded in minority communities where many children who are born of teen-aged parents, grow up in fatherless homes and are living in an unhealthy low-economic, and low employment environment. This issue is further compounded, by the high percentage of school drop-out, and the reduction of college-educated males. Added to these issues are the millions of minority males locked up in jails, millions more hardened by their jail experience, who have been released from prison without any positive reformation, and the inability to be employed by the current social policy that bars them from voting, and makes them unemployable even if they have job skills.

Graduates from this program will become highly skilled, well-rounded, positively strong productive members of the community. These graduates will also be extremely sought after, because they will be both highly skilled, and have a positive mental attitude which will make them good coachable team members for any organization.

Target Audience for The Program

- ✚ Veterans; Inmates; High school dropouts; and Single parent mothers should be at the top of the list.
- ✚ States Dept. of Labor and Dept. of Commerce to add "our "Life-Skills" component to their programs.
- ✚ High School and Community Colleges

The focus on this audience can have the additional benefit of reducing the need for government funds that are spent on social services to maintain or sustain families in need.

Project narrative

Many of the programs that are proposed by the government and by so many individuals and organizations, to help disadvantaged communities and the less fortunate are all well-meaning. However, the level of the desired outcome is not always achieved due in part to one important overlooked fact – the condition of a programmed mindset. Step one in the process of change is to address the underlying issues, which are the effects of negative experiences, and the blockades that prevent people from taking the positive sustained actions to achieve desired success results.

Access to resources and opportunities does not necessarily translate into actionable successful results but are tools that can best be used by those with the proper mindset. The United States of America is exhibit “A” to demonstrate this point. The USA has all of the resources and opportunities a person needs to attain any level of success they desire, despite the documented systemic obstacles, yet far too many people in the USA do not take advantage of these resources. On the other hand, we see or hear of so many stories of foreigners who arrive here with little or no skills or academic background and within one generation transform a complete family and community. What is the reason for this phenomenon you may ask, the answer is a positive mindset.

Most foreigners arrive in the USA with a different mindset, mental attitude, self-confidence, the desire for knowledge, a willingness to learn and grow, and the optimistic view that America has what it takes for one to succeed. All of which are supported by many recorded histories of “rags to riches stories.

The designer of the program Mr. Wendel Jackman d.b.a. Coach Sekou Obadias is a Personal Development Life Coach and published Author of the book: *Breaking The Code – A Guide To Overcoming The Effects of Negative Experiences and The Greatest Barriers to Faith and Performance*, is a strong believer in the principle that if you can change the way people think, you can change the direction of their lives. He is also the founder of the Gift Of Life Dunamis International “GOLD Int” an Atlanta Georgia based Personal Development focused organization. His background in Education, Self-Development, Finance literacy, and Business Development, coupled with his observation from working with people over the past thirty years, were the seeds that spun the idea for the proposed Personal Development Coaching with Finance Literacy and Life Skills Training Center.

“GOLD Int” currently administers this program on a smaller scale as a paid service for the public but would like to expand this vital resource to a wider audience, and eventually have these centers in, or close to every underserved community.

Program Structure

All participants of the program will go through a process that begins with Personal Development Coaching to help participants develop a changed mindset that will be the foundation for them to follow through with all of the other elements of the program.

Participants will have their personal credit worked on simultaneously in the background while they are receiving their Personal Development coaching. Participants will also go through a Financial Literacy class which will include learning how to create budgets, finance management, Debt relief, learning how

to leverage their banking relationships to improve their credit profiles, and mentorship to prepare them for homeownership.

The Objective of the program is to make personal development the foundation of the program, then add the other tools necessary for success. This approach can have the following benefits:

- ✚ Help the participants to change and develop a Positive Mental Attitude, so they can see, and take advantage of the many opportunities that are all around them.
- ✚ Increased Self-Love which can then translate to love for others.
- ✚ Improved self-esteem and self-confidence.
- ✚ Reduce self-destructive behaviors.
- ✚ Reduced crime and violence.
- ✚ Reduce the attraction to join disruptive negative gangs, thus reducing the school to prison cycle.
- ✚ Prepare a well-trained labor force of people with improved attitudes and higher work ethics.
- ✚ Stimulate community unity, increase responsibilities, and care for properties and life.
- ✚ Produce a new generation of leaders with a different mindset and ability to enact the needed changes to advance both the communities and the country as a whole.

Proposed programs:

The Overall Program is a Three-Phase Plan aimed at rebuilding the USA one community at a time.

Phase I of the overall program is the Personal Development with Finance Literacy and Life Skills Training.

Phase II of the Plan is to build low-cost, high-tech, green housing development, to be used to encourage and stimulate a strong sense of community and unity. All participants of the housing program will have to go through **Phase I** of the plan to prepare them for active participation in the program's objective.

Phase III of the Plan is to combine housing with business development to stimulate the local community economy with jobs for the well-prepared Positive Minded community residents.

Phase I of this program can be applied to several identified areas to improve and support underserved communities.

- A. Create Job Skills Centers in each underserved community around the country.**
- B. Prison Reform Program -** to reduce the recidivism rates and to transition the inmates into society as changed, positive productive members of our community who can use their experiences of change to make a significant difference in the lives of our youths.

Job skills targeted

Trades: Carpentry; Mechanics; Plumbers; Welders; Electricians; HVAC Technicians.

Technology: Electronic Technicians; Computer Programmers; Medical Electronic Technicians.

General Skills: Skilled needed to support the Utility Companies; Public & Private Transportation Industry; CDL Drivers; Insurance Adjusters; EMT and Law Enforcement.

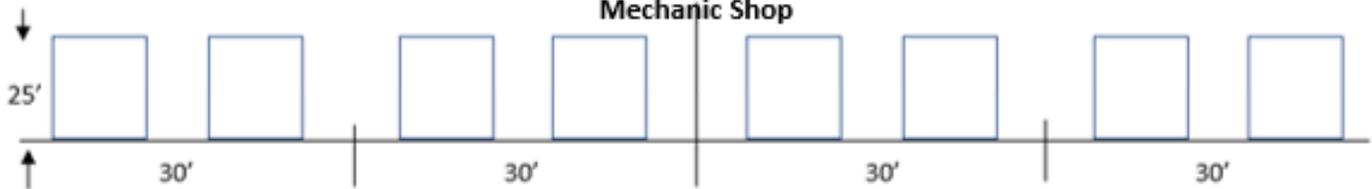
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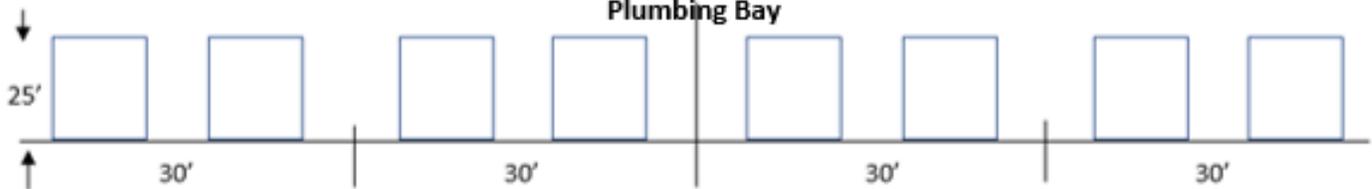


Life Skills Trade Center Shop Layout

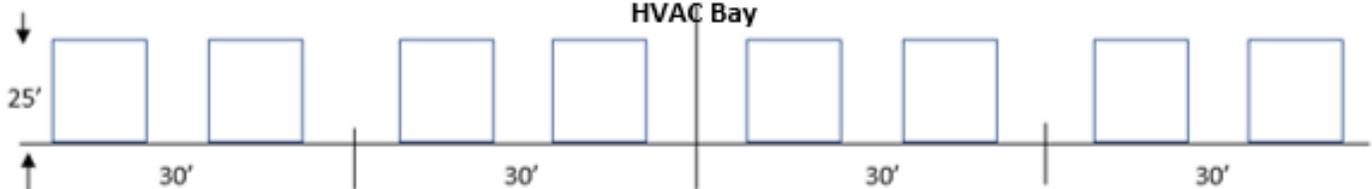
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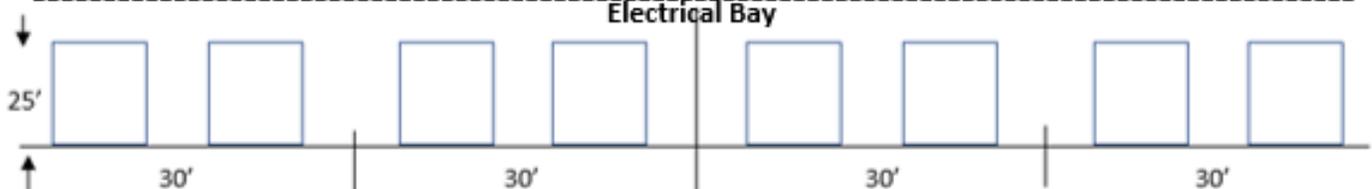
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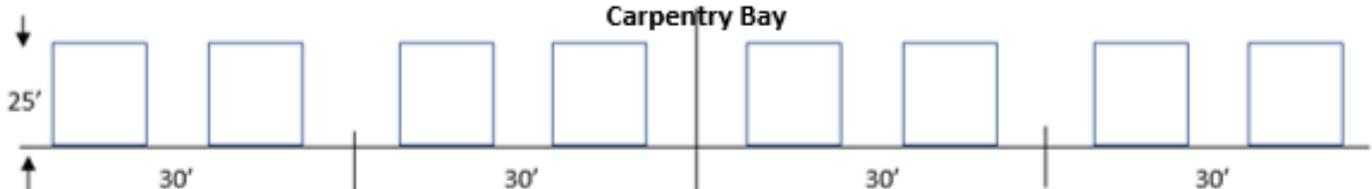
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