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La Loba Life Sciences

La Loba Life Services is an innovative new agency that works one on one with the dying and elderly to help them put their lives into written word. Projects include biographies preserved in bound books, letters written to loved ones and life celebrations. The need for self-expression does not diminish in the midst of dying. In fact when honored it can have lasting and meaningful results. Collaborating with the hospice team, patient, family and community I was able to fine tune a multidisciplinary approach that uses journalist interviewing techniques, writing and bookmaking to promote life review and closure. The volunteer program was so successful that in July 2004 I founded La Loba Life Services. BJC Hospice has used donated funds to provide 35 of their patients with this opportunity. Now we are looking to expand through the development and implementation of a training model that will bring the program to other hospices throughout the country.

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Creating Change

Creating Change respite care program provides an environment conducive to growth with hands on experience by empowering youth to design their own programs that inspire character development. Creating Change desire is to model after trade schools and provide an apprentice for our teenage boys in the areas of but not limited to: arts, carpentry, painting, carving, etc.. Creating Change will also provide a computerized instructional learning program. We are in need of individuals in the skilled areas of apprentice, middle & high special education school teachers, youth development, computer applications, computer equipment, fine arts, art supplies, recreation /sport items, home furnishings, in-kind donations, and monetary.

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BUILD St. Louis Community Buying Card

We are a 'homegrown business alliance'™ that provides resources to the champions of the St. Louis economy - small, independent business owners. These resources include:
Cooperative marketing programs to boost sales
Networking and peer mentoring opportunities to share leads and best practices
Public education about the benefits of buying locally
Community cultural events that connect businesses with area consumers
BUILD would like to launch another program to help St. Louis entrepreneurs and generate revenue for our org - a consumer loyalty card all our business members can rally around.

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The BUILD community buying card is the next step of our social branding campaign for St. Louis independent businesses. Our 100+ members already use our logo, decals, and online and print buying guides to get the BUILD message to consumers: Buying from homegrown businesses is more fun, gets you more value, and helps revitalize our neighborhoods. The card provides discounts at participating BUILD members to further incentivize shopping locally.

We launched a pilot for the card 4 months ago. 30 businesses offered discounts, and 50 individuals have purchased the card from BUILD for \$25 to date.

The main lessons we learned from the pilot were:

Individuals that participate in our programs and use our on-line guide would buy the card if they could easily do so through a web-based infrastructure.

A marketing program for the card (that participating businesses would fund) is needed to achieve an initial critical mass

More initial training for participating businesses is needed.

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Community Grocer -- Social Venture thru Community Collab.

Food is a centerpiece of community. Create a community grocer that will address a variety of the needs of our diverse & growing community. The grocer will provide much needed access to inexpensive healthy food, a job training program, youth mentorship, & a demonstration kitchen for cooking classes. The grocer will tie into existing programs at our collaborating orgs. Every trip to the grocer will build and strengthen community. The Urban Studio, a community building 501c3, is bringing together major stakeholders in Old North St. Louis in a collaborative effort to realize this vision.

The Urban Studio has been working with key stakeholders in the Old North St. Louis neighborhood (Crown Candy area) to create a community food grocer. The Old North community is highly diverse, racially, economically, religiously, etc. All the diverse members of our community have a major need for access to healthy food. The community grocer will address this need, and, provide a job training program, youth employment, nutrition ed., cooking classes, & indirectly combat childhood obesity. All the programming mentioned builds on existing programs & missions of the partner orgs, thereby 1) providing an existing framework of support & 2) strengthening our partners' work.

The grocer will require planning & start-up capital; however, it will be an income-generating enterprise with the goal of being financially self-sustaining. To reduce operating overhead & thereby provide less expensive products, community members will be able to work 5 hours/month.

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Generations STL - Intergenerational Housing Opportunities

MCB Consulting, Inc. is a real estate consulting firm interested in developing a "National Model" for family oriented housing subdivisions which allows older adults to live independently while in close proximity to caregivers and support services. Just imagine, owner-occupied duplex styled townhomes with an adult daycare/childcare combined facility and a family enrichment staff available to tap into additional community resources.

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The Quadrangle--Resale Shop/Retail Training

The Haven of Grace, a residential facility serving 10 homeless, pregnant women, aged 16-24, is increasing its capacity to serve more families by building a 12-unit apartment complex which includes an employment training center to help relieve poverty among our clients. In order to generate revenue to provide for the maintenance of the apartments, to provide employment training in retail operations including management and operations, and to provide a sustainable community approach to housing, The Haven of Grace intends to build and maintain a resale shop as a facet of the expansion project.

The Haven of Grace residential shelter is located in one of the poorest zip codes in St. Louis, whereby 70% of residents are on public assistance. Neighborhood residents cannot purchase clothing or furniture items from retail or resale without leaving the area. In order to provide community service by selling much-needed donated items at low cost, to generate revenue for the maintenance of a newly-constructed apartment complex, to provide employment training in retail operations including management and operations for 22 formerly homeless women, and to provide a sustainable community approach to housing, The Haven intends to build and maintain a resale shop as a facet of a total housing project.

Construction of apartments and resale shop will begin in January 2007. Fundraising has begun with \$1M in pledges and receipts. The social return on this investment includes relieving poverty among neighbors and for 22 housed Haven families, and providing entrepreneurial skills for women.

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Soaring Spirit Therapeutic Horsemanship

A non-profit organization seeking to provide a source of solace and healing for women and children who were or are in physically, psychologically, or emotionally abusive environments by providing nurturing, mentoring, and education through facilitated equine interaction, also dedicated to encouraging and strengthening the bodies, minds and spirits of learning-challenged children by educating for all aspects of horsemanship and equine husbandry to further their psychological and physical well-being through the equine/human interaction of therapeutic horsemanship.

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MCU-CUCA/Joshua - Churches United for Community Action

We envision ourselves a multi-denominational, multi-racial power organization.

MCU-CUCA/Joshua is a cluster of congregations affiliated with Metropolitan Congregations United, a faith-based community organization. The mission of MCU is to "break down the barriers of sin and division which have separated the rich from the poor, the city from the suburb and rural area, the racial and ethnic minorities from the majority groups and from their common sisterhood and brotherhood in the on family of God.

Metropolitan Congregations United (MCU) is an interfaith, multi-racial community organization of 76 member congregations impacting more than 700,000 people. We are committed to achieving social, economic and racial equality a the local and regional level. We believe that all people should have access to a living wage, quality education, good housing, affordable health care, and a safe place to raise their children. Our Metropolitan Agenda was developed, and is currently being implemented to achieve our immediate goals in the three main issue areas of Economic Development, Health Care, Transportation and most recently, Education.

History

The interfaith base of MCU includes African Methodist Episcopal, Baptists, Episcopal, Jewish, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, United Church of Christ, United Methodists and other congregations within the St. Louis metropolitan region.

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Wyman's Peak Performance Profile

Wyman knows healthy youth development is rooted in youth's relationships with caring & competent adults. Recruiting/selecting/training the right staff can be a difficult process. The Peak Performance Profile, designed to improve recruitment, retention, & staff development within youth-serving organizations, involves an on-line performance/style assessment, targets organizational staffing needs, helps select who are the "best fit", & provides meaningful data in training, coaching, & supporting staff. This tool will strengthen the effectiveness of camps, after-school programs.

Wyman is a 501(c)3 youth development organization that helps prepare disadvantaged youth for healthy family relationships, economic self sufficiency and civic and community involvement. Our 100+ years of experience + research inform us that the foundation of healthy youth development is rooted in the youth's relationships with caring, competent, & consistent adults. For youth serving organizations, recruiting, selecting, & training the right staff, however, can be a difficult process. The Peak Performance Profile initiative is designed to improve staff recruitment, retention, & development within youth-serving organizations, therefore improving the outcomes for young people. The initiative involves developing an on-line performance/style assessment which is targeted towards an organization's staffing needs, provides assistance in selecting staff who are the "best fit" for the role, & provides meaningful data in training, coaching, & supporting staff members.

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Redevelopment Opportunities for Women - REAP Institute

One of the most significant obstacles for women who are attempting to escape abusive relationships is the near certain economic devastation that follows.

The mission of the REAP Institute is to provide domestic violence advocates with the knowledge and skills needed to increase the economic empowerment of women experiencing intimate partner violence. The REAP Institute expects to serve approximately 200 domestic violence advocates throughout the United States over the next year.

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Boomerang Press

Boomerang Press was created in July 2006 as the first step in St. Louis Artworks enterprise venture, ArtWorks Enterprises. St. Louis ArtWorks is a 12-year-old nonprofit organization that hires teens 14-19 as apprentices who work with professional artists to create commissioned art projects " posters, banquet centerpieces, musical productions, for example " for businesses and organizations. Boomerang Press produces note cards, holiday cards and card designs, mainly for corporate clients.

St. Louis ArtWorks has provided meaningful employment in the arts to over 1300 youth since 1995.

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BWorks

BWorks is a non profit all volunteer organization serving primarily the children of the Shaw Neighborhood and surrounding neighborhoods in the City of St. Louis. We run two skill development programs:

BikeWORKS trains kids to maintain and safely ride a bicycle. Participants get a free refurbished bike.

ByteWORKS trains kids to use computers effectively. Participants get a free refurbished computer with internet access.

Our primary source of funding is the sale of refurbished bikes and computers. We also rely on grants and contributions.

BWorks has existed as a non profit charitable organization for about 17 years.

About 100 youth take part in our "Earn-A-Bike" program each year and about the same number take part in our "Earn-A-Computer" program. The emphasis is on developing learning, vocational and life skills.

In the past we have been supported primarily by grants and donations. Because of the uncertainty of contributions, we decided to become self sufficient through the sale of some of the bikes and computers that we refurbish.

In the past two years we have increased the number of volunteers, as well as the numbers of bikes and computers we refurbish. At this point, we are generating enough income from sales to support all of our operations.

We are in the process of filling out our organizational structure and developing programs for Board and Staff Development.

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