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## **JLL Miller Foundation**

### **Program: Helping Haiti-Canaan II (Revised)**

#### **1. Objectives**

- a. To build multifamily homes within a “community-type setting” for Haitians who are displaced and/or otherwise affected by the devastation caused by the January 12, 2010 earthquake.
- b. To build schools, community centers, vocational/ training facilities and a clinic for the residents of said community.
- c. To install/build infrastructure from the community homes and facilities to the nearest “existing public utilities”, i.e. water and sewer will be ran from community mains and tied into the existing public utilities. If this is not feasible, water wells/reservoirs and septic tanks will be constructed.
- d. To install solar panel systems for the homes and facilities to provide a source of electricity thereby decreasing dependence and draining of public utilities.
- e. To build/improve roads within and leading to the community.
- f. To build drainage systems within the community and nearby vicinity so as to lessen the potential for flooding.
- g. To provide educational/vocational training and “life skills” training for self enrichment and self growth so as to enhance lives and “lift up” a populace whose lives were previously wrought by poverty.
- h. To provide financial assistance for the elderly and disabled residents of said community who are unable to work.
- i. To provide employment opportunities for program applicants and others via cash, food and savings for work programs.
- j. Program applicants will build all facilities as outlined in “a-e”. Professionals will be retained as consultants to train residents as needed.
- k. To provide financial assistance to homeowners and organizations who were adversely affected as a result of said earthquake due to collapsed and/or partially damaged buildings. This includes churches who hosted schools due to the collapse of schools, paying teachers who have been unpaid due to the churches not having adequate financial resources and payment of teacher salaries for private schools where displaced families have been unable to pay school fees thereby compromising the ability of the said schools to pay their staff.
- l. To plant trees throughout Haiti and the community to negate the environmental effects suffered by the country due to deforestation.

## 2. **The population at Canaan II**

Is comprised of Haitians who were affected adversely by the devastation caused by the January 12, 2012 earthquake. Most lost everything. Many lost family members.

Many were renters and do not have the financial means to return to their previous homes even if the landlords were inclined to rebuild and/or repair their homes. Besides being victims of the earthquake, most residents have been victims of poverty for a lifetime. They have grown used to living in a “tent city” with few “real tents”. Most of the tents are contraptions made of tattered bed sheets and tarps providing little protection from the rains. Yet the people go on, some used to even less. The populace welcomes the opportunities afforded by our program. They cheer even when we say that they **MUST** go to school, that they **MUST** save money, that they **Must NOT** curse and fight, that they **MUST** not throw trash on the ground... There were no complaints when the people were told that there would only be food for work with our initial funding request. These people are ready for a different type of life. This program affords them that opportunity. Poverty lends itself to a certain lifestyle, a particular type of mentality... Impoverished people have a tendency to live inside a box with no hopes for tomorrow. We will “lift the people up” by implementing programs that will educate, empower and provide for sustainable life styles long after the aid organizations are gone.

## 3. **Funding**

- a. This comprehensive program has a proposed 5 year budget of \$230,000,000 US with an initial funding request of \$8,000,000 US.
- b. **Proposed budget of \$230,000,000**
  1. **Multifamily housing**

Minimum of 233 multistory buildings, consisting of 48 units/building with a minimum of 50 single family homes being built. This will provide for a minimum of 11,234 permanent homes for 11,234 families; 78,638 individuals benefiting (average family size 7).
  2. **Adult Programs: Educational classes, vocational training and life skills classes**

Program applicants must be willing to commit to participate in programming developed based on the needs of the applicant families. Such programming has been designed to provide job skills, eradicate illiteracy and provide the skills necessary for a productive and sustainable lifestyle.
  3. **Youth and Adult Programs**

Programs will be developed based on the needs of the population and will include university scholarships. Prospective teachers including those that may be hired will be encouraged to pursue additional training including the appropriate certification.
  4. **Roads**

Roads will be built in the community and built/repared in nearby vicinities to facilitate transportation to central Port-au-Prince.

5. **Buses/Community Transport**  
A number of buses will be purchased and staff retained to operate and maintain the buses. Provision of a means of transport will ease the fears of those who may be reluctant to move from the locality of central Port-au-Prince and/or those who need transport to jobs outside of the community.
6. **Facilities to be built**
  - a. **Schools** to educate the community's children will be free of charge.
  - b. **Community centers** will be utilized as an educational/recreational resource and will have computer annexes for use of those in the community.
  - c. **Vocational/training facilities**
  - d. **Clinic with a rehabilitation unit** for those that lost limbs during the earthquake or its aftermath.
    1. Will provide psychological treatment via individual and group sessions to assist those who may still be traumatized by the events of January 12.
    2. Will provide basic medical care for the community.
7. To provide financial assistance to homeowners and organizations who were adversely affected as a result of said earthquake due to collapsed and/or partially damaged buildings.

c. **Initial Funds Request**

The initial funds request is for the period ending May 31, 2011. The "line items" and the rationale thereof for the initial funds request is as follows (details listed in Program Budget-initial funds request):

1. **Hire and pay administrative staff**  
We have hired on a temporary basis as needed due to limited funds. This program is quite labor intensive with regards to applicant record keeping. Applications are input into a database. Applicants then have to be interviewed and action plan objectives have to be developed based on the needs of the applicant families. Thereafter, applicant progress has to be monitored.
2. **Hire and pay construction/construction-related staff**  
We have to begin hiring staff so that upon location of the 80 acres needed for the program, we can begin surveying and preparing the land for building. Thereafter, we can begin building permanent homes,
3. Purchase and rent the necessary equipment needed to survey and prepare the land.
4. **Land**  
We recently located land that is for sale and will visit same to ensure its suitability for our program. In the interim, we have asked the landowner to investigate whether there is adjacent land or land nearby for sale so that we can build at one location. We need funding so that we can financially commit to land purchases assuming that the title search indicates that there are no outstanding liens against the property.

#### **5. Build the Thermal Panel Factory**

The funds need to be available do that we can build the thermal panel factory as soon as possible thereby ensuring that we will have a ready supply of panels to build the homes and other facilities. Purchasing the panels locally will save approximately \$6,300,000; this can be used for other programming and/or to build additional homes.

#### **4. The Program: “Helping Haiti”**

This program has been developed to assist the Haitians that were displaced and/or otherwise affected by the devastation caused by the January 12, 2010 earthquake. The program will build homes for program applicants and provide vocational/ training to ensure that all applicants have marketable skills. In addition, life skill programs will be provided to include training in the following areas: budgeting, money management, banking, social skills, job interview skills, responsibilities of home ownerships, sex education including the use of contraceptives and condoms.

The homes built will be sold to qualified program applicants for 40-50% of cost. If the resulting mortgage is paid within a 5-10 year period, the applicant will not incur interest. The interest free period will be determined by the “Community Management Committee”. Longer mortgage periods will be subject to interest to offset the administrative costs of maintaining said mortgages. The homeowner’s monthly cost will include: the mortgage, a prorata share of common costs (to be determined) and property taxes. Resulting home sales proceeds will be accounted for separately and reinvested for additional homes and/or other programming.

Two committees (minimum 75% Haitian) will assist in administering the program and establishing guidelines regarding “qualified applicants”. The Program Management Committee will assist in the implementation and running of the program. The Community Management Committee will establish the guidelines related to the criteria for qualified applicants. The basic criteria includes: 1. Demonstration of financial need 2. WILLINGNESS and being proactive in working on action plan objectives as determined by personal interviews with program staff and/or the committee along with input by the applicant. The action plan objectives will include educational, vocational and life skills objectives. 3. Results of a background check—we want to ensure that we are not housing convicts that escaped prison during the earthquake and/or other individuals that may compromise the safety of our community.

Primary/secondary schools will be built along with vocational/training facilities, a clinic with a physical therapy unit (there is a shortage of rehabilitation facilities for those who have lost limbs) and community centers with computer labs.

Group and individual counseling sessions will be conducted by a psychiatrist and referrals (for more in depth sessions) will be made as needed. Most Haitians are internalizing the effects of the recent events with many still traumatized.

Much of the labor force will be obtained from program applicants; training sessions will be conducted by skilled professionals to ensure that the applicants can do a good job with their assigned tasks and the applicants "field work" will be inspected by said professionals. The applicants will be expected to participate and be involved in the actual construction of their homes---albeit for pay but to instill a sense of pride and ownership in becoming a home owner. Most applicants will work for a portion of the day and attend school for the remaining portion of the day. They will still be paid for a full day's work!

Once the home construction has started, we will begin construction of the school, vocational/training facilities, the community center and computer lab along with the clinic and physical therapy unit. Once the physical therapy unit is operational, we will be prepared to offer rehabilitation services for affected Haitians who may have lost limbs. Vocational/training classes and computer classes will be held upon completion of the facilities. We will encourage all applicants to enroll in the life skill programs. This program will include nutrition, budgeting, money management, banking, social skills, job interview skills, responsibilities of home ownerships, and sex education including the use of contraceptives and condoms.

Various youth and adult programming will be implemented. The type and scope of the programming will be dependent upon the wants and needs of our applicants. Therefore, this will be determined as we assess our pool of applicants.

The Dwelling Subsidy Program has been established to assist individuals and organizations to repair damaged buildings, demolish structurally damaged buildings, haul away crumbled building debris and/or assist in rebuilding. This assistance may include paying teachers whose schools may be temporarily housed in churches or elsewhere (who are unable to pay school staff), paying private school teachers who have not been paid due to parents being unable to pay their child's tuition, etc. recipients will be determined on a case by case basis.

The clothing and specialized needs portion of the program provides for clothing and other needs of the many Haitians who lost everything during the earthquake. Underclothes are solely needed for the young school age children; we saw many who did not have panties on under their little dresses.

Care of the elderly: The community's elderly and disabled will be taken care of. A monthly utility allowance will be given to the elderly as well as a monthly living allowance. Residents of the community will be eligible for said allowances assuming they have paid into the "community fund".

Lastly, we will partner with Action Citoyenne Pour La Protection De L'Environnement (ACPEN) to plant trees throughout Haiti and the community to negate the environmental effects suffered by the country due to deforestation.

As we conserve dollars and spend frugally, we hope to realize sufficient savings to expand road work to facilitate travel throughout Haiti as well provide capital to develop other sustainable businesses. between Port-au-Prince and our community and nearby vicinities. This will provide gainful employment as we continue to assess and evaluate possible employment opportunities for our applicants and other Haitians.