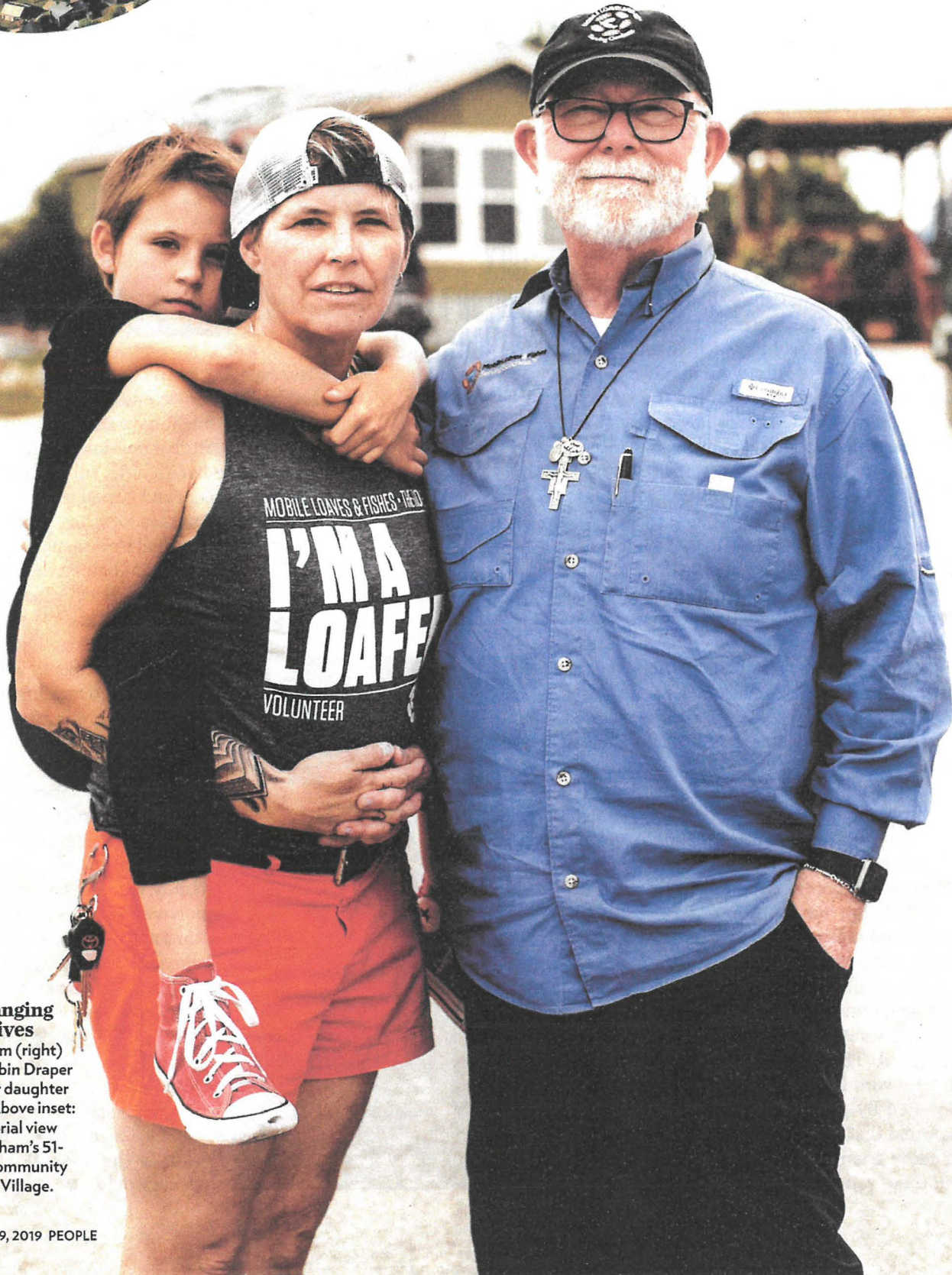




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**Changing Lives**  
Graham (right) with Robin Draper and her daughter Avery. Above inset: An aerial view of Graham's 51-acre Community First Village.

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# Community for the Homeless

REAL ESTATE DEVELOPER ALAN GRAHAM PROVIDES HOMES—AND A PLACE TO BELONG—TO HUNDREDS WHO SPENT YEARS ON THE STREET

By **JOHNNY DODD**

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## A Place Called Home

1. Resident Debbie Cantu and her dog Coyote.
2. Ellis Johnston is one of nine elected neighbors on the community council.
3. Residents tend the on-site greenhouses.
4. Mobile Loaves & Fishes staffer Evan Wilson oversees the blacksmith program.



It's been another typically hectic morning for single mom Robin Draper. Up before sunrise, she has cooked breakfast, packed lunches for herself and her 9-year-old daughter Avery and dropped her off at school—all before hustling off to work. But for Draper, 47, who spent three years homeless on the streets of Austin and Houston as she battled addictions to crack cocaine and alcohol, that morning chaos is a blessing. "If it wasn't for all this," she says, "I'd either be in prison or dead."

Draper says she has one person to thank for her life today—Alan Graham, a bearded, wisecracking, 63-year-old former real estate developer. In 2016 Graham created the Community First Village,



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**A Life with Purpose**  
 1. Resident Bennie Parks works in the repair and maintenance shop. 2. The community chapel holds weekly neighbor gatherings. 3. Robin and Avery on the front porch of their tiny house.

a 51-acre collective of tiny houses and RVs outside Austin where Draper has lived for the past two years with nearly 200 other formerly homeless people. Graham's vision: to provide housing, jobs—and, most important, a sense of belonging—to hundreds of Austin's homeless. "Housing will never solve homelessness, but community will," says Graham, as he walks along a stone-paved path that weaves past the development's communal kitchens, bathrooms and laundry rooms—and front porches, where villagers sit sipping coffee together. "It's really that human interaction that's so important. And when that happens, relationships begin to form and that becomes the power of community."

Graham's innovative development, which includes 130 micro-homes, 100 RVs, a community market, a medical center, a barbershop and an outdoor movie theater, was built with more than \$18 million he raised in donations. Residents, who are drawn from the city's most vulnerable, hard-luck, street-dwelling population, pay rent (an average of \$300 a month) to live in the homes—money they earn in part by doing landscaping, janitorial, housekeeping and other work on the campus for \$12 an hour. They each have their own living space—some with bathrooms, some without—but come together

**'We have a belief that housing will never solve homelessness, but community will'**  
 —ALAN GRAHAM



for meals, many of which come from fruits and vegetables grown on the property. "Alan's just an extraordinarily tenacious man who had a vision and wasn't going to stop until he saw it realized," says Austin's mayor Steve Adler. "He's not only helped provide homes to a substantial portion of our homeless community but he's helped them go on to lead productive and constructive lives."



**For much of his life Graham, who spent 25 years** as a successful developer of airport cargo facilities around the nation, admits he never gave much thought to the homeless. That all began to change in 1996, after Graham, a married father of five, attended a men's weekend church retreat. "By the end of the weekend," he says, "I'd adopted a philosophy called 'Just say yes. God, what do you want me to do? Okay, I'll go do that.'" Not long after, Graham says, he felt called to join the ministry delivering blankets and food to the homeless on cold winter nights, and that led him to launch his own nonprofit called Mobile Loaves & Fishes—a fleet of food trucks offering meals to people living on the streets. (They've since provided more than 5 million meals to the homeless in Austin.) By 2005 he had started buying RVs and parking them in private RV parks he developed around Austin to house people he had met on the streets. "We bought one RV and lifted a guy up," he says, "then we bought a second one, a third one, and now we have over a hundred."

Graham's time spent with the men and women living in alleyways and under freeway overpasses in Austin also gave him a more personal perspective on homeless-

# Tiny Houses Solving Big Problems

"It's more than just a roof over their head," says Graham, who hosts regular symposiums for people interested in creating similar communities around the country. "Everything here is done first class. I like to think of this as a 250-bedroom, \$18 million mansion. You walk down the hallway, and there are people in the shared kitchen or laundry room spending time together."



ness—which affects more than 550,000 people across the nation on any given night. "The single greatest cause of homelessness isn't drug addiction, mental-health issues, affordable housing or living wages," says Graham. "People don't make the choice to become homeless. The cause of homelessness is the profound, catastrophic loss of family."



**By 2016, after nearly eight years spent finding the land, raising funds (billionaire John Paul DeJoria, once homeless himself, has donated millions of dollars) and designing the development, Graham began moving residents into their new homes. Potential tenants are chosen from among those who have lived on Austin's streets for at least a year. There is just one nonnegotiable disqualifier: No one convicted of a sex crime is allowed access to the community. Residents are free to live on the property indefinitely provided they pay their rent and obey the law. Many residents are employed at businesses located in the village—including an automotive-repair center and a bed and breakfast—whose profits also finance the community. "We have an 85 percent retention rate; mostly people don't move out,"**

## BY THE NUMBERS

**180**

Average square footage of each Community First Village home

**\$300**

Average monthly rent for a village home

**15**

Percentage of Austin's homeless population now housed in the village

says Graham, who has a waiting list of roughly 100 people and recently broke ground on another 310 homes on the property.

For Draper, who moved into her 399-sq.-ft. micro-home with Avery in 2017, Graham's development is a dream come true. "It really is a magical place," says Draper, who works 40 hours a week readying homes for new tenants. "Avery loves it here. She's getting to experience an actual childhood, making mud pies and chasing butterflies." Draper was living on the streets when she first met Graham in 2007. By the time Avery was born in 2010, Draper had moved in with Avery's father (who's in prison for repeated drunk-driving arrests) but continued to struggle with addiction. Now sober for a year, Draper says she has finally found a way to keep clean. "I've found a community here with the resources to hopefully keep me from relapsing," she says. "Everybody looks out for everybody here. When someone falls down, there's always someone to come pick them up." Which is exactly what Graham envisioned. "If you want to help the people standing out on your street corners or living under bridges," he says, "you've got to get involved." ●

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Good Morning Karla,

I am now available on most Wednesdays and should be able to fit into the Council Meetings with ease. I would prefer to have a date, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> and that all members are in attendance, if possible. I have included an outline for this meeting.

Many Thanks,

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Good Morning Portland City Council and Concerned Oregonians, October 2019 Meeting

I am here today to talk about **mental health and suicide victims**.

If you ask every person who has lost a friend or family member to suicide, their comments are nearly all the same, we wished we would have done something sooner.

My name is Cheryl Graves and I am here today with a plan to do that something and to do that something sooner than later.

The purpose of this proposal is to help the many people whom suffer with Mental Illness, they **should-be-kept-safe** in a **caring** environment and not left on the streets.

First, **mental health and addiction** has been and still is today the main reason why homelessness has not been dealt with and must be dealt with separately than homelessness. Money doesn't seem to be the issue because there is a lot of **tax dollars** as well as non-profit dollars spent with little to no positive results.

- This proposal YES! My Life Matters offers a detailed plan for homeless free Portland.
- The hospitals, along with the government will work together and re-establish mental health and addiction facilities, giving refuge for those who need help.
- Only by separating the group can we go forward with a revitalization plan for homelessness.
- We have never been able to take a stand on the issues of homelessness and the sanitation and safety of our neighborhoods because the homeless and transients are in part made up of the mentally ill and addicted persons.
- How can we take a stand when some people are clearly not capable of caring for themselves and are intermingled with the many people on the street who choose to be there?
- These folks that need our help will **not** be on the streets or attempting to dash from one non-profit or city project to another while stopping at their neighborhood drug dealer for a fix.
- The reason this plan will succeed while others have failed is because it's all inclusive.

The question is, how do we separate the intermingled groups? Well, it's a touchy subject, and a subject that if not addressed **will-only-get-worse**. Yes! My Life Matters, the homeless cure plans to help build your task force even bigger and stronger to gain control of this situation.

This city will have revenues to help the hospitals, addiction centers and task force by using the funds that are presently used for homeless issues.

This following information are the missing links towards a successful outcome for mental health sufferers.

The task force members will deliver the transients

- to a care center for a meal, a shower and evaluation
  - once evaluated, each person is either
    - placed into a hospital for physical care
    - a care facility for the mentally ill
    - a re-habilitation center for addiction
    - or to the Village Revitalization Community for job and life skills training

Following recovery, they will be living in the village, with fellow friends and family, safe and caring mentors and project based meaningful apprenticeship programs.

While this recovery community is healing, the victims of mental health issues are safe in private care.

A day in the village:

- Every day we get up and go to breakfast- shower- go to class
- then onto lunch and over to their on the job training course
- back for dinner and to bed in their own room with their own things
- and we begin again tomorrow
- The detours have been removed and each step that they take is followed by another alluring step.
- This program is built on safe and caring surroundings
- enticing projects and activities
- nutrition and personal hygiene and language skills
- on the job training and classrooms
- and everything we do and offer revolves around building self-esteem
- This plan is expected to deliver zero people on the streets in 5 years



- then another 5 years to stabilize and critique the program.
- Whoever is the winner of this YES! Program will become the financial support as well as be responsible for its outcome.

Thank you for your time and consideration

The laws are written in such a way that we cannot interfere with a transient's personal choices.

We ask that the Government takes on;

- Open these roadblock laws and remove the block
- land use passage for the Village Rehabilitation Community
- Mental health facilities partnering with hospitals
- law enforcement

We also ask the government to discontinue spending their tax dollars on homelessness and redirect this money to mental health. I ask that you see your way through this letter outlining a positive plan towards the solution to homelessness and necessary mental health care. The low self-esteem suffered by fellow Portlanders who fall behind in today's world need a better option, and this common-sense plan is solid, attainable and is powerful for the people who need it. Not another band aid but a life changing solution.

If anyone out there believes that giving transients free choices is a good idea, then you are mistaken. When a person does, or potentially does harm to themselves or others, they are breaking the law. They are breaking the law to move their belongings in grocery carts, or when they have their children sleeping on the streets and missing school. If we believe this type of thinking is smart, let's take another look. When you see just how the YES! My Life Matters Village helps people, really helps them, then you will become a believer too.

Each City Council presentation includes a letter addressing a different side to homelessness, arriving to the same destination. The first page and a half of each letter will be my 3-minute presentation to the Council, while the remainder of the letter is extended information.

*For more information I have included the link to order your own copy of my 200-page detailed publication free at Amazon.com/non-fiction/families and relationships/YES! My Life Matters, The Homeless Cure.*

It's a complex and enormous plan to return the lost, forgotten, homeless, addicted and mentally unstable person to a safe life, the life they missed, the life they deserve, the life God intended for them to have. The real success of this mission will be on the backs of every person who cares about their own lives and of the lives of their families and friends, neighbors and co-workers. Again, what's different about this plan? This plan covers everything one needs to begin again, only this time they will succeed. As time goes on there will be no other place for them to go, all properties will now enforce, no camping or loitering, they have all been closed in support of, YES! To helping others who can-not help themselves.

The success rate for a recovering addict to maintain sobriety on the streets is less than 5%. After someone goes through an addiction program, they need stability and the present homeless situations do not

provide a safe place or structure for recovery. The last place recovering addicts should be is on the streets, but they end up there because there is no alternative, and they are surrounded by temptation. Equal to temptation is the desperate need for a healthy alternative plan to insure safe and successful recovery. The hospitals and the village will include follow-through and team support, the minute-by-minute, day-after-day consistency needed for truly sustainable recovery. The village and all its people offer arms open wide, no judgment or sneers, just love and support and a community of people just like them.

The YES! Plan does not include medical facilities for mental health and addiction treatment but does challenge the state to utilize its present funds to collaborate with larger hospitals to work on treatment plans. The tax dollars that are presently allocated for homeless, clean-up, camps, housing, and more can now be re-allocated for mental health and addiction facilities. Yes, this will leave the homeless crisis unfunded by tax dollars.

*How will our present taxes support Mental Health and Addiction treatment?*

I believe most residents of this once-great city would like to see their tax dollars invested instead of wasted. So, if you are on this team then you win, your tax dollars will no longer go to combat the homeless problem, instead they will be spent on mental health and addiction care facilities.

If a judge can send a person to jail or to addiction recovery after conviction resulting from a DUI or an abuser to anger management classes, then we should be able to send street offenders to rehabilitation centers. For those in our community who want to participate in helping the less fortunate by way of funding then you will have an opportunity to make a difference.

I hope this happens in my lifetime, but if not, then the next generation can witness this new phenomenon of; no addicts, no drug dealers, no homeless people and happy foster children and working moms in place of welfare moms, no dead beat dads and everyone is engaged.

*We need your help!*

I ask that you download this 200-page detailed book including timelines, budget and plan, Yes! My Life Matters, The Homeless Cure and become a part of the solution. I have made this available to you and other neighbors at no charge for one week and at that time the eBook and paperback will return to its regular price. If you believe you have coworkers, friends or family that would also enjoy reading about this amazing plan please have them download from their personal computer to allow them to review. I would also appreciate your feedback to help me with book II, Dreams and Possibilities, revising welfare, foster care, senior and disabilities, education and taxes and rid the overzealous bullying brought about by political agendas. And book III, Yes! VETS lives Matter, God Bless America. Gods going to need to do a lot of forgiving for the insult brought upon our vets, the soon to be very Honored Veterans.

## The Homeless Cure

The next step will be providing opportunities for people who have chosen to live off the grid, like, **on the job training**, better day care and schools, lifestyle skills and good choices. The **apprenticeship programs** can become the standard for job training by helping to elevate performance of new hire employees.

The success rate for revitalization will be greater with the establishment of the **My Life Matters model village**. We will be better equipped to ensure future education, personal life and job skills, and new ways to

cope with life. This is an aggressive plan to produce a higher qualified job seeker and stronger American. A lifestyle boot camp so to speak.

### **Non-Profits**

Instead of reinventing the wheel we will join forces with existing **non-profits** in effort to gain financial and group strength. These joint efforts will be tasked to fund the programs for homelessness.

### **Learn Through Caring Program**

When caring for others you learn to understand, not just your life matters. Having something or someone depend on you is a learned responsibility. The skills needed for successful human and animal care are, patience, forgiveness, responsibility, making choices and leadership. Here are just a few of our caring programs.

Safe housing with neighborhood watch

Reading and language skills, math and science

Nutritional education, cooking, gardening, and meal budgeting

Clean and sustainable living through solar and wind, eco systems and reusable products

Revised education for pre-school and higher, establishing early learning and behavioral skills

Learn through apprenticeships and hands on life skills, thanks to local and start-up businesses

Specialty Care for children, senior, medical and handicap care, facilities within the village

Animal care; service dogs, pet training, dog breeding and obedient training, disciplinary skills

Learn and Grow Parks; safe, learn while you play, for children and their families, interactive skills

Farm animals including, mustang horses. There are presently successful programs using horses for physical therapy and disciplined skills therapy. The farm that resides within the My Life Matters village could be the perfect place to offer this incredible platform.

### **Residents of the village**

We must truly understand the laws and work within them. To gather the lost and forgotten is a touchy situation. Following evaluation, the persons diagnosed with conditions will be admitted into hospitals care. The persons whom are not suffering from mental health and addiction are brought to MLM campus. When they arrive to the village, they will be introduced to the group and asked to tag along. Once they have acclimated themselves to the village, they can become involved in the daily events. As the new arrivals come and go, they will quickly discover that the incentives to stay are far better than the alternative, the village will be attractive for the wanderer's taste in lifestyle. Each new and returning person will start at the beginning of the program and work their way up, each time getting a bit farther.

### **My Life Matters village and plan can succeed!**

1. The My Life Matters is a new lifestyle village of housing, jobs, education and safe surroundings for the unincorporated person
2. Involves all productive non-profits for supportive efforts
3. It is attractive to the masses because it speaks to all sides. The citizens who wants to support MLM efforts can get involved with non-profit fund-raising groups and or donate to the cause. The persons who are presently unhappy with their tax dollars

- going to homeless will now see their dollars support mental health, addiction and higher education
4. It shifts the tax dollars from homeless to mental health care
  5. It can become the templet for rehabilitation in many situations, returning vets, welfare, foster care, noncriminal offence rehabilitation, drug and alcohol rehab, abuse and many others
  6. It can become the standard for job skills training
  7. It reduces the tax burden from welfare by rehabilitating back into a thriving lifestyle
  8. School Programs to focus on early development, learning and behavioral skills
  9. It creates an opportunity for individuals to stand strong while building self-respect
  10. It provides much needed safe housing and a place to call home
  11. Reduces the misunderstandings between mental health, poor luck and life choices
  12. Offers much needed trade education and apprenticeship work programs
  13. Language skills and English speech classes of all ages
  14. Available medical, dental and mental health care
  15. Reward for steppingstone success is a new-found self-esteem
  16. Eventually ownership of their own home, built with their own hands and the skills they have learned through our on the job and apprenticeship training programs.
  17. Over the first 10 years this plan can save millions if not billions of County, State, City and Federal funds.

My Life Matters plans to secure a **300-400-acre area of land**. We would initially build a city of tents and eventually buildings to provide a safe place to live for transitional individuals looking toward a conventional lifestyle. Basic amenities such as food and clothing would be provided upon each person's arrival followed by an evaluation to determine their desire to go a step further. The village will provide a safe and nurturing community where any resident can receive education and hands-on training. This enables participating members to progress from one level to the next, whereby they would ultimately be qualified to seek employment and go on to procure their own housing, choosing to live within or away from the village. This village community will be built by the residents through on the job training programs and business partnerships. The residents would be responsible to help sustain the community.

Now that the city of Portland has declared the public golf courses to be too costly, maybe they will allow us to take them over, all 5, and build our community surrounding these beautiful grounds. These courses could provide the five much needed grounds that would contain our village, marketplace, schools, apprenticeship programs, child, senior and foster care along with maintaining one half of the existing courses for public use. Our plan includes gardens, agriculture, farming, eco systems and self-sustaining food sources. The educational play parks and learning platforms will be like Portland's own Green Parks and Gardens. They are strategically planned to draw tourist from around the world as well as all of us from the north west. You must read this book; it is a solid plan to help people who need our help.

The decline in education and the increase of homeless families is staggering. I would like to hear about your ideas and determine how the My Life Matters could become a part of your vision. I would like to meet and share the many ideas for a recovery plan. During our meeting there is available preliminary sketches, strategies, contacts, funding groups and goals.

While preparing the My Life Matters outline, the biggest question has been, who would be the best person to get this plan into action, and several names came to mind. The reason I am contacting you, besides money is that you have a heart for the people and a care for this country. Due to your strong connections and

experience, I ask that you consider the My Life Matters as your project. Your generous offer to help people in need will be well invested.

This new plan offers nothing for free. We offer re-vised education, on the job training, apprenticeship programs, working education programs, and personal skills growth. By building a strong and loved family we can begin to love ourselves, be a good neighbor and excel at our jobs. In a way we are returning to the days when life itself was our boot camp.

**A bit about myself.** Have I mentioned that I love my city! As you will read after downloading the eBook, is a more in-depth resume and detailed plan for this project.

With forty years' experience, eight years of college, six of these years in private academy including business management, specifically in the health and beauty industry, along with writing, developing and managing apprenticeship programs. During the most productive years of these programs I was awarded a Federal Grant with the condition I shared the program to others outside of my own business and converted my 400-page team building book to include Spanish. The goal was to train graduates out of beauty school earning minimum wage by developing technical and language skills. This plan would continue until they increased their income 400% wage, and in 2 years or less. With a graduating rate of 92% he program proved to be very successful. By offering specific training in personal presentation, language and technical skills most students completed the program in less than two years. Besides the employees enjoying this newly found self-esteem and elevated compensation they also became proud taxpayers.

During the late 70' s I gave birth to two children while being treated for uterine cancer. My husband left for a life of parties and drugs and I lost my job due to pregnancy. At that time, I held the position of Fashion Liaisons between Europe and the United States and delivered these new trends to the west coast. This incredible job included many professional elements and required maintaining a perfect figure and fashion forward appearance. In that time being pregnant was far from cool. Now I am pregnant, have cancer, husband moved on, and I am too proud to accept handouts, although they were offered. Alone, scared, unemployed, sick, and pregnant. I landed another job and on with my new life I went. My daughters started in day care at 3 weeks old and continued until they entered junior high school. My desire to raise strong children without feeling the void of a father lead me to the Montessori school in our area. I felt that the extra structure would help to balance the missing parent and a second job would cover the cost. My daughters have never met their father.

As I grew within the health and beauty world, I bought a little farm and we three girls each had a horse, dog, cat and potbellied pig, and the rest is history.

Listed below are a few more areas I would like to offer a clearer description of this project, My Life Matters.

#### Role of Non-Profits

My life Matters will be supported by donations and sales from farmer market goods and on location startup businesses. We are here by choice, and choice is how we will pay for our new life. We are presently contacting all non-profit organizations that service groups falling into like categories and invite them to informational gatherings, asking each interested group or individuals to contact 100 persons and invite along

to our next gathering. This is a strategy used often when building businesses of any sort, groups building strength.

- The YES! MLM teams will become supporters of all functional non-profits supporting mental health, education and homelessness, that in turn will support the MLM and its mission

#### Role of Oregonians

- Get involved with your favorite non-profits and SUPPORT! Help yourself by helping others
- Shop in the village stores and markets providing education, homes, food, and job skills
- Stop homelessness by funding the YES! MLM in place of dollars on the streets.
- Vote

#### What does the startup look like?

In the beginning we build a campground and offer tent style living, offices, dorms, cafeteria and day care along with the inception of our small businesses. Once the campgrounds are established, it will be time to offer our skill building trades and jobs, performed inside and outdoor spaces. The groundwork for farming, agriculture, open air shops and eateries will be next inline. The Village residents will participate in skills training practices throughout the week and work the open markets each weekend. We plan to become the year around marketplace for local fair, products, entertainment and positive social surroundings.

#### 5-year plan

To review the plan in its fifth through tenth

- Final build out to the second and third greenhouses
- Complete the ranch, second and third barns and guest bunk houses
- Complete planting the deciduous and evergreen plots
- Eco system to be in full production delivering, fertilizers, fresh fish, fowl and recycled water
- Complete ranch stock, goats, cows, chickens, pigs and horses
- Final build out to the Main House, offices, dorms, classrooms, Ballroom one and two, catering kitchen, The Brunch Restaurant, Hotel, Hall of Heroes, courtyard including; courts, pool and pool house, Bar-B-Que and picnic areas, court landscape, perimeter landscape (exotics), pavers, fences and gates
- Available one thousand prime landscape trees and shrubs for market.
- Complete the fifty-acre Global Garden Touring with physical fitness courses, educational tour of the world, pools and playgrounds
- Begin the outdoor and indoor events including fund raising

#### Role of other businesses:

- Extend their present business into the MLM village, adding job training with promotional opportunities.
- We will bring outside business into our community and later our businesses can reach outside of the village to allow for re connecting with new friends.

#### Village plan includes:

- Tents, gravel roads, markets, buildings, eateries, stores, events and social gathering space
- No machinery, cars, trucks, people powered travel

As a customer of local businesses, medical centers and social outings I am often out in the city, in all corners. Everytime I venture out either by car, train or plane I am aghast of the number of homeless individuals and camps that have taken over our city streets. One of the most tragic scenarios are the children. Many are being raised to believe that the streets are a way of life. School and medical attention is optional and seeking knowledge is unnecessary. My husband Tom and I walk our dogs throughout the city daily and I am ashamed of the camps and begging on street corners that has become the normal. We must believe that many of these displaced people suffer with mental health, and others might be there by choice. Either way, it is a disturbing sight for the entire city, its residents and travelers. There must be change, and soon!

My Life Matters Mantra: I take responsibility for my life. No matter how we arrived here we are all going forward together. We are here to grow as a person, family, and neighborhood where all life matters. The training and apprenticeship programs are created to include subjects that could be of interest to the unincorporated citizen. The invited businesses and learning platforms will allow for personal and professional growth while helping to increase self-esteem. Only when we have self-worth can we have success!

The vision is to elevate the education platform, personal esteem, and community spirit of our fellow Portlanders.

This 200-page detailed publication, YES! My Life Matters is a plan, a program to serve the unfortunate people who have lost their way. For the people in this room we personally don't understand the entire reality of how people have ended up on the streets and have lost their way. Poor role models if any at all, missing or otherwise unconscious parents, abuse, or simply bad luck, in some cases by choice. They need help to find their way towards a better life, a life that gives them cause to lift their heads and be thankful for this second chance, they need us.

This book was written to benefit Portland and its caring citizens. It has taken three years of endless research and planning to bring this book to you. Please take this plan, this effort, and make it a part of our near future because yesterday was even too late to take a stand towards rebuilding these lives.

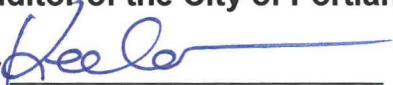
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