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Good morning Karla,

Thank you for all you help throughout my first presentation in front of the Mayor and City Council. I didn't trip, faint or throw-up so it was a complete success and I remembered my name under pressure.

Attached is my outline for the November Meeting. I would very much prefer a meeting date that includes the mayor and all council members. I understand there is little to no guarantee to one's schedule two months away.

November Public Education

Many thanks,
Cheryl Graves

See you on September 11th

And again, October 2nd

Good Morning, my name is Cheryl Graves and I am a Portland resident November, 2019

I am here today to talk about our **public-school systems**

The decline in education and the increase in **homeless children** is staggering

- Inadequate education systems are mostly the cause of poor living wages
- They are a major factor for homelessness
- is a contributor to low test scores
- no successful strategies for working with troubled students
- and, a link to low self-esteem, poor personal and social skills

This plan will save the state billions

- The state can now invest in futures instead of disruption
- Raise the bar for students and teachers
- Get kids off the streets
- Provide a safe and loving home for at risk kids

The main two reasons for our lacking education system are the parents and teachers, not the education system itself.

- They contend with numerous disruptions in the classrooms with no successful methods to teach instead of babysitting.

But the biggest reason teachers struggle is there is no incentive to produce high scoring students.

- How do we see to it that they are adequately trained and skilled to find a student's path towards enjoyment with successful understanding and comprehension?

And to the parents, get involved

- Find time for play, worship, sharing, teaching, and follow through on bad behavior with proper discipline and follow through.
- Parents, this is your job, not the teachers or governments.

The time is here to re-think how our approach to childhood education.

- We need to make sure that our teachers and students have access to the tools and mentoring they desperately need to gain reliable skills and personal boundaries
- Our tax dollars are being wasted on programs that have proven to be ineffective
- When a student does poorly in school it is reflected in their attitude and when their attitude has been disrupted, they do not function at their best

My job here today is to see a new program in place that engages the students and teachers in more interesting ways, interesting enough to hold their attention.

First step. Move the non-participating students to the village school on the YES! Campus

- any child that is disruptive in class
- lags in engagement, interaction, boundaries, and attitude
- has trouble keeping up with learning, comprehension and interest
- falls below a B average in reading, writing, language and math
- and lastly children at risk

These students will no longer be the troubled students or the dumb ones

- they are now with fellow students that relate
- they can now learn to grow in a safe environment that allows them to feel welcome
- they are no longer being compared to the achievers. In fact, this plan will now produce achievers
- Help to develop self-esteem and self-respect
- And follow through with each student until we reach success, we never give up

Thank you, I look forward to meeting again, to go over the details and how we together can make this a part of Portland's future.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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The Village Learning Centers will cater to every student that falls into any of the categories listed above. This includes children through adults at any age, education level or interest

Parents

We are nothing without you. You are the most important people in solving your child's life crises. Whether the child is only two years old or fifty years old, you are the chosen one to help. You brought this child into the world and you are the two people responsible for that life. What you do in your home, how you raise your child is a direct link to their future. If you are unable to see to your child's health and welfare, education and mentors, I ask you to please seek help.

Just imagine if your child was out of control or struggling and you had tried everything in your power to help but just can't seem to make a difference. The MLM Village could possibly be in the future to help with ongoing support for you with focused childcare, education and parenting classes.

I am speaking about the unfortunate adults who are without a reliable education, possibly unable to manage a resume or job application. What happens to them?

It has been said and needs to be constantly on the forefront of our minds, that not all people learn the same way. This plan is geared to meet the needs of the creative, unruly and undefined person at any age and education level from any background who arrive. Identifying these traits early will be critical to the success of our present and future population.

It will take a miracle to gather enough skilled, caring and forward thinkers to build a project of this magnitude, but it desperately needs to be done.

What group of students are costing the schools unnecessary spending and disruption in the classroom? The students that lack the basic skills of personal boundaries, respect and live without positive goals to stay focused. Who are more likely to get involved in threatening behavior like petty crimes, drugs and gangs? The people without constant guidance, boundaries and role models. This is not to say that there are not exceptions but for the majority this seems to be true.

How do these two groups of students affect our schools' budgets? How much money is used to provide discipline and guidance to bring education and balance for these students to graduate? BILLIONS! An equally important question is how many students who are not causing disruption are not getting the teaching and guidance they deserve because the teachers are in constant motion with the interruption of disruptive behavior?

Setting Standards

To all government agencies, school officials and teachers, early development agencies and childcare, parents, grandparents and great grandparents: We have an opportunity that is staring us right in the face. The My Life Matters learning structure is the perfect platform for monitoring the development of children. We will use this platform to set new and improved public and private school standards to achieve the most for our students.

The village lifestyle includes so many opportunities in creative learning. The reading, writing and arithmetic forum will ensure that students of all ages will learn these important basic skills until they get them, really get them! This is the same development plan used in all areas of the village. The residents will not only develop the basic skills necessary for better understanding, but their education will allow them to walk away with several accomplished skills that will help them to make a wider array of positive choices in their lives.

When we can do less, accomplish less and fail to reach for the next level, then we become programed to settle for less in ourselves. When a person settles for less, on the outside they might appear happy that they got away with something, but the truth is they are not proud or satisfied and hence now suffer with lower self-esteem, less drive, and fewer successes.

When children pass through school with mediocre or lower skills, chances are they will forever struggle to learn. Although it is possible to achieve greatness with a poor education, the struggle is too much for most people. This

struggle is also a self-esteem destroyer. We need to do everything in our power to break this cycle and provide a solid education.

When we provide basic life necessities like safety, rest, nutrition, health and love to the open-minded student, they will prosper from them. When we add the teaching practices to develop better skills and keep at it until they get it and don't stop until we are smiling, then better life choices will follow.

We must look at this plan at a national level, since our country pays the most amount for education and receives the least of any nation. We are losing ground by way of inadequate learning systems. Our present education system is not working. If we as a nation do not act now, then tomorrow we will suffer the consequences. We must adapt the don't stop until you get it model, or we as a nation will lose out.

I have had the unfortunate experience of sitting in on school board and committee meetings. As a self-employed person for over 40 years it is imperative that we make every dollar count, and if you make bad choices, we can lose our jobs. Within any large agency including the school districts it appears that there are more mistakes than successes. This statement is about the 30% of students that are not leaving school with an adequate education to get them motivated through life. Their skills are low, personal appearance and language skill not good enough to land a good job and again we have people who have can not make it in this society.

I ask that you see your way through this letter outlining a positive plan towards the education crisis by raising the levels of education in our lowest 30% of students. Not another band aid, not more money but a life changing solution towards better comprehension. We will teach it until the children get it, really get it!

We are not doing our jobs as advisors, teachers, officials and parents when we allow the quality of the lives of these kids go unchecked. Besides national security and world peace what is any more important than the quality, self-esteem, positive outlook and safety of our kids? So, why does this get cast aside, left to malfunction and we continue to pay people to fail at their jobs?

We Americans pay the most and receive the least, we are dropping further and further behind in nearly every important, import, export, cost of goods and labor, education and higher levels of learning.

It's not only embarrassing, it's frightening!

Let's begin today, invest our tax dollars into programs that will work, they will deliver a smarter, more developed student with personal boundaries to be proud of.

First, **mental health and addiction** has been and remains the main reason why homelessness has not been dealt with and must be dealt with separately, it's the humane thing to do. The plan is for hospitals and government to establish several 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. We must un-muck the water to pave a path for greater success. This element will help reduce the misunderstanding between mental health, poor luck and life choice.

Instead of reinventing the wheel we will join existing **non-profits** to fund the program, we will collaborate our efforts to gain financial and group strength.

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.

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 is 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% the 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 led 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.

Detailed information begins here:

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.

1. 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

1. Get involved with your favorite non-profits and SUPPORT! Help yourself by helping others
2. Shop in the village stores and markets providing education, homes, food, and job skills
3. Stop homelessness by funding the MLM in place of dollars on the streets.
4. 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 in line. 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 cover the plan in its fifth through tenth year will require you to read the book, it covers most everything.
 But I can give you a peek;
 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:

1. 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:

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

Role of Government-land use-mental health-law enforcement

1. Supporting hospital with mental health facilities
 (engage all hospitals; prioritize their next foundation goals to include a new mental health wing)
2. Ask State, City, County and Federal agencies to provide 1 plot of land 300 to 400 acres to develop our village, eco-system, utilities fields, agriculture plots, ranch and farm. At the same time, we will be investigating the long-term use and conversion of the city owned golf courses in place of the acreage. These five courses will include all the details for this entire program in the book YES! My Life Matters, The Homeless Cure
3. We ask the government to discontinue spending their tax dollars on homelessness and redirect this money to mental health
4. Accessible, alternative, new and improved learning centers
5. Locate and deliver Oregon's wild mustangs to the plot that surrounds the village, called the ranch

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, planning and all my free time to bring this book to you. Please take this plan, this effort, a make it a part of our near future because yesterday was even too late to take a stand towards rebuilding these lives.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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I ask that you download this FREE 200-page book (available September 11, 2019) including timelines, budget and plan. Yes! My Life Matters, The Homeless Cure and Education Plan become a part of the solution. I have made this available to you and other neighbors at no charge for one week. 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.

Please stay with us while we honor our Veterans, First Responders and all Americans who put their lives in front of ours.

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Request of Cheryl Graves to address Council regarding the public school systems (Communication)

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