



## Current Projects & Initiatives

All of our programs target systemic access points or structures that will allow our community to realistically achieve the *American Dream* since for the poor here in our country it's not an equal opportunity issue; it's the challenge of unequal access. Thanks for your consideration!

- ✧ **Motel Metamorphosis Project:** transforming local area motels (4) that are havens for drug and prostitution activity and refitting them as business incubation/development centers, accredited co-op daycares, leadership academies and other indigenous revenue generating operations.
- ✧ **Smarter Scholarships Initiative:** Better leveraging the good will of the community-at-large by acquiring more and pooling existing scholarship money going to the two local high schools, identifying awardees in 11th grade and then enrolling them into our year-long leadership development program for better traction with access/network acquisition skills and college graduation rates.
- ✧ **Excellentia Capitis:** High caliber, invite-only semester-long internships placing high school students in local companies while also attending our leadership development program to surpass their academic requirements while bettering the local business community.
- ✧ **The American Dream Machine:** Innovative services for our majority Hispanic population including: 1<sup>st</sup> time home-buyer and tenant rights, naturalization strategies, gang prevention, nutrition, capital accumulation and job advancement workshops/conferences.
- ✧ **Camp Excellentia:** Free elementary school student summer day-camps focusing on arts, science and water sports that provide jobs, leadership training and mentoring for select high caliber high school and junior high students.
- ✧ **Grassroots Accelerator Project:** Providing mobile, real time technological, financial and organizational infrastructure to other, smaller grassroots/indigenous organizations serving our target area.
- ✧ **PTA Box Project:** Resource kit and services that enable schools to leverage their high concentration of refugee, immigrant and welfare population to access all of the same great support that schools in higher income areas enjoy.
- ✧ **Christmas in the City:** A flagship annual event creating great holiday memories by providing new toys at economically realistic prices for our community. This year is our tenth year running this unique store!
- ✧ **Redistricting Initiative:** Set in motion a redistricting plan for our community to create palpable political accountability for the blight and civil neglect in the area.