Taking the “It Takes A Village Organization” to the Next Level

The goal of this project is to create an application for the It Takes a Village Organization (ITAV) to transition into an official 501c3 nonprofit organization. Through the process of creating the framework for organizational growth we hope to identify short-term goals and strategies to reach those goals. The outcome of this project would be materials to help prepare for future funding applications and a completed 501c3 application.

WHERE THE CHANGE WILL HAPPEN

Since 2010 ITAV has transformed the lives and altered the destinies of hundreds of inner city Buffalo residents, through comprehensive job, emotional, spiritual, and physical counseling, among many other services.

Currently, ITAV provides holistic care services in partnership with the Rapha Family Wellness Center. ITAV supports the unemployed, unskilled, and re-entry candidates by facilitating 12 weeks of self-assessment in the areas of spirituality, education and vocation, active listening, judgment, work ethics, life skills, job readiness, and job searching. After these evaluations are complete, ITAV provides services to its participants according to their needs.

Available services include supportive counseling, job referrals, career placement, hands-on training, restorative justice, GED and higher education referrals, re-entry mentoring and training, nutrition advice, and physical fitness training. This comprehensive set of programs is based off the idea of the “E-Method”, which refers to the needs to engage, embrace, enhance, encourage, enlighten, enrich, energize, ensure, equip, entrust, educate, empower, and employ citizens for them to be completely well and productive. After participants receive counseling ITAV does a one year follow up to evaluate whether the services were effective.

MY IDEA FOR CHANGE

Our organization takes people on a path from apathy to activity, and thus transforms lives and alters destinies. We believe in second chances for everyone.

Planning a Change

ACTIONS TO MOVE IT FORWARD

Complete the application for 501c3 Status
Update project plan
Reach out to potential partners

RESOURCES NEEDED TO MAKE IT HAPPEN

Financial Assistance for Obtaining Legal Help, Program Funding, Facilities, and Partnerships

FUNDING RANGE

$10,000 - $50,000

STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT