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Healing Englewood

The pandemic of 2020 has left a void in the American landscape caused by isolation and fear. Shepherd's Hope and its ministry partners have waited patiently to unveil the initiative that they feel has the potential to turn the Englewood community right side up again. We believe that God and his church, through strong families working together in unity can make Englewood a cohesive neighborhood again. We are committed to building a community of families that play together and pray together, where violence and drugs are not tolerated. Healing Englewood is an initiative that is designed to bring that goal to fruition - through building relationships and trust with as many people and families as possible in this community that we've come to love deeply. This will be accomplished in three steps.

Friday Night Life: a program designed to keep youth, teens, and young adults off the streets by offering a night to enjoy movies, entertainment, open mic events, and more. The movies will be well-produced Christian stories that promote Christian values, strong family relationships, and the value of a faith-filled life. Music will be by Christian artists geared to teen interests, and the speakers at open-mic events will be people who have learned difficult life lessons but have overcome their mistakes through a relationship with Christ. The participants will be given the opportunity to ask questions. This will be followed by refreshments and relationship building with the ministry partners. We believe this will open doors to a real sense of community, especially for those who become fully engaged in the weekly events.

Vocational Attributes: a program designed to teach teenagers and young adults how to make basic home repairs. We have professionals in the construction industry that are prepared to facilitate this phase of the program. These young men and women will be offered hands-on training through the healing Englewood program. They will also learn the value of being responsible to show up for training and work, while learning the simple rewards of humility from helping their neighbors. They also get the satisfaction of learning new life-long skills. We also hope that new leaders will emerge as the program progresses.

Healing Englewood is a neighborhood outreach program that is the cornerstone of the initiative. It is designed to build relationships and trust while we introduce "The Center" to our Englewood neighbors. Teams will be going door to door, led by pastors from the community and reputable groups of ex-gang leaders that will be sharing their experiences and remorse surrounding gang life. This team will introduce the holistic programs that are available at The Center and the ministries that operate them. The outreach teams will also be inquiring how we can help our neighbors with minor building repairs. This is where vocational attributes play an important role in this initiative. We believe that as this initiative grows, Healing Englewood will have a profound effect on the community.

Sincerely grateful,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Anderson".

Brian Anderson
Executive Director
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