

## Executive Summary for The CENTER June, 2012

The CENTER (Creative Environment Nurturing and Teaching Excellence and Responsibility) located at 1825 West 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Gary, Indiana is a 9,000 square-foot building being developed to house an extension of services offered by the New Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church and its 501(c) 3 community development entity, New TAB Community Outreach Corporation.

The programs and services that will be conducted at this site are designed to affect positive change in the lives of those served. At The CENTER, the staff and volunteers will facilitate programs and services that help sustain the lives of *individuals, families, youth, seniors, and the overall community* with the prospect of improving their quality of life. Specifically, The CENTER actively supports academic learning, builds lifestyle and social skill development, enhances one's readiness for employment, encourages community commitment and reinforces responsibility in the home.

The personal development of individuals within the communities of Gary, Indiana is just as vital to the growth of our city, state and nation, as the structural development of buildings, facilities and land. It is with this basic philosophy that The CENTER evolves as an ideal site for community development projects that address the personal progress and productivity of various segments of our population.

Programs and services offered at The CENTER will include:

### Academics in Action

These programs are committed to providing students of all ages with a greater understanding, through knowledge, communications and technology, while giving them a more diverse exposure to the benefits of a good education.

### Skills to Live

Activities for this segment are dedicated to training and empowering participants with the tools and reinforcement needed to further develop, enhance and ultimately produce lifestyle behavior and attitudes that contribute to their successful efforts to sustain a good life.

### Fit for Duty

This series will build upon effective strategies that use experienced and committed leadership, to create programs and services that elevate all segments of the community with various stages of professional development.

### Operation PRIDE

PRIDE is People Restoring Integrity and Developing the Environment. And, establishing relationships with community, civic and social leaders to educate and motivate area residents will be highly beneficial by beautifying the hearts, minds and consequently our city.

### Home is Where the Heart Is

Broadening the awareness of family relationships, guidelines and rules will help foster stronger, more stable homes, and result in parental success, lasting marriages, and respectful children—all of which should become a mainstay of our society, and not an exception.

The CENTER seeks to be just as the acronym suggests: a venue that serves as the nucleus for pulling together services that are essential to the central foundation of the Gary community. The objective and the strategy in providing this is to offer a *Creative Environment Nurturing and Teaching Excellence and Responsibility*.

The CENTER Now



The CENTER Then

