Homeless & ReEntry Helpers, Inc.

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Initial Presentation
to the City of Indianapolis
and the
Department of Metropolitan Development

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Community Problems in need of Solutions:

Lack of funding for "*Affordable Housing*"

Lack of training for "*Good Paying Jobs*"

- **Our community does not have money to build or rehab homes, and they do not have money to train its workforce.**
- **Our community leaders can and should focus on the above two primary reasons why our Veterans, our Seniors, our Homeless and our ExOffenders are returning to our jails and prisons or becoming homeless.**
- Additionally, we have *too many abandoned and unused properties* scattered throughout our community that are *costing us money* and *not producing an income for the city*.

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HRH's Vision is to:

Bring Indianapolis
Businesses (private Sector),
Government (public Sector),
Volunteers, Service Providers,
Street Outreach & Street Ministries
together to better serve our:

Seniors
Veterans
Homeless
ExOffenders

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The seven most important components (Supportive Services) needed by most Veterans, Seniors, Homeless and ExOffender to keep them off the streets and/or from returning to prison/jail:

1) **Housing** - A place to go, and/or to come home to
   - With family members, friends, shelters, hotels, transitional & supportive housing, etc.
2) **Jobs/Employment** - Full or part time
   - Training, re-training, continuing education & placement for better paying jobs –
     They should have their G.E.D., and they must have an updated resume.
3) **Professional Support -** (counseling and/or treatment for)
   - Substance abuse, medical problems, mental health, anger management, self-esteem & character building, financial management, and sometimes legal help, etc.
4) **Family and/or Mentor Support -** (faith or community based)
   - Relationships and/or reunification - everyone needs someone they can depend on and talk to.
5) **Transportation** -
   - Bus passes, used autos, gas money, share ride programs
6) **Basic needs stuff like** -
   - Food, clothes, hygiene items, medicine, mailing address, email service, a cell phone, driver's license or state ID, Social Security Card, etc.
7) **Information** - like what HRH's web site (access to the internet) or 2-1-1 has to offer
   - They need to be able to find goods and services for themselves and/or find service providers, case workers, parole & probation officers and mentors that can help them obtain the above important components.

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- **On the 21st of April of 2017, Mayor Joseph Hogsett, during his State of the City speech, challenged the community to help build or rebuild 400 Permanent Supportive Housing units (his goal) for our homeless and our homeless Veteran communities.**
- **HRH and its investors are prepared to take up this challenge and form a public/private partnership with the city to help the Mayor accomplish his goal.**
- **HRH and its investors are prepared to purchase an average of 40 to 50 properties per month through the City's Non-Profit Surplus Properties and Land Bank Programs for this purpose.**
  - HRH and its investor are also prepared to pay any and all rehabbing costs necessary to bring the properties up to code, making the properties ready to rent, lease, or sell; as well as pay any closing type costs, including securing a quiet title on the properties.

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- **This new partnership between the Public** (city & county) **and Private** (HRH's investors) **sector, can be a part of the solution to the housing and jobs problem:**
  - HRH is using 100% private funds to purchase rehab/landscape all properties
  - HRH is not asking anyone (city, state or federal) for grant monies
  - HRH is not asking for any abatements other tax breaks
  - HRH wants to create long-term, good paying jobs for ReEntry programs
  - HRH wants to create low-income, permanent and transitional housing for our Veterans and the Homeless & ReEntry industry
- **By allowing HRH to buy and re-sell the properties it buys from the Marion County Treasurer's Office, the City's Non-Profit Surplus, and the Renew Indianapolis Program:**
  - HRH will be able to accomplish its above goals, and more importantly, help the city and county by adding several properties, per month, back to its tax base, as well as add several "tax payers" to its tax base as well.

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- **Since 2010, HRH has purchased**:
  - 41 properties from the Marion County Treasurer's Surplus Properties Program
    - Of which all 41 have been completed as of May 2011
  - 154 properties from the Cities DMD program
    - Of which 153 have been completed since January 2012
    - The last one was deeded to Renew Indianapolis in 2017

We were told that this is more than all the other non-profits, including the CDC's, combined during the same time period .

- The main for this was that we used our own money. We did not have to wait for bank loans or grants to be approved.

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- **HRH had agreed that we would try to:**
  - Have 40-50% of the work force rehabbing the properties be ExOffenders or persons in a homeless status
    - In fact, almost 75-80% of our work force has been ExOffenders or persons in a homeless status
  - Make sure that at least 50% of the properties would be used for low-income housing
    - In fact, to date, almost 75% of the properties are being used for low-income housing
- **Future trailing for construction workers will be provided by RecycleForce, Inc.**
  - HRH's investors will partner with RecycleForce, Inc. to train the extra workers that will be needed for the additional crews.

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- Since HRH has been purchasing properties, we have leased two warehouses at 918 & 920 E Michigan St. on the near East Side.
  In these two buildings:
  - During 6 days per week about 600 to 700 meals are served to our homeless friends. By the end of the year we expect to be serving 7 days per week.
  - 2 staff members work full time to assist our homeless friends, veterans, and those returning from our jails and prisons in finding the goods and services they will need to get back on their feet.
  - Several recovery and support programs use HRH's Recovery & Support Center for weekly meetings.
- The main goal of this facility is to provide the non-profit industry with a place to meet and greet on a monthly basis so they can get to know each other and learn how to share information. We expect they will learn how they can together better serve the people in our community.

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- **Information on: Don Hawkins, HRH's Founder & Executive Director:**
  - Worked in the U.S. Senate as a Senate Page for Senators Lyndon Johnson and Vance Hartke for 3 years (summers)
  - Worked for Senator Birch Bayh for 3 years
  - Graduated from Harry E Wood High School & 1 ½ years of Ben Franklin University in Washington D.C. while working for Senator Birch Bayh
  - U.S. Marines for 3 years (Vietnam for 21 months)
  - Started his own business and has made a lot of money and lost a lot of money
  - An ExOffender - Property of IN DOC for 3 months in 2000
  - Two years later, got involved in the investment property and general contracting business until the housing market "went south" - Hopefully the market is on a rebound
  - Was a Volunteer & Mentor at IREF / PREF for Residents for the 3 years (mentored over 35)
  - Was part of a Hands of Hope Ministries Bible Study Class at PCF for 6 years
  - Was on the Community Advisory Board of ten prisons, jails & Work Release Centers
  - Presently of member of the Marion County ReEntry Council (MCRC)
  - Presently Chairman of the Mayors' Advisory Council for Veterans (MACV)
  - Founded ***Homeless & ReEntry Helpers, Inc. (HRH)*** in 2008 (IN non-profit, a 501 (c)(3))
  - Founded ***Helpers Helping Others Outreach Team, Inc. (HHOOT)*** in 2010 to bring together, organize and train street outreach and street ministries to better serve the homeless
  - Founded ***Hawkins Rebuilds Homes, Inc. (HRHI)*** in 2015 – This is how we fund HRH & HHOOT.

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- **A Confidential List of Our Investors are available upon request**

Thank you for your time today

The following pages are properties HRH has purchased from the county and the city for HRH's Housing Partners project.

At this time all properties that HRH has purchased from the county and the city has been completely rehabbed and are back on the tax rolls.

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4015308 4007 Cass Ct DMD

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9031927 3472 Garden Av DMD

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7000703 2207 N Graham Av DMD

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4014943 8810 Montery Ct DMD

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1003199 2909 Wheeler St DMD

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