

Statement of Need:

As director of the Catawba County Hispanic Ministries (Centro Latino), I had the privilege of designing and implementing an after-school program for at risk Hispanic students with the support of a \$12,000 grant from The Smith Foundation in 2004. Please accept this proposal from Catawba County Hispanic Ministries to fund a continuation of *Abriendo Puertas*, an after-school program for at-risk Hispanic students in our community. This proposal represents a collaborative effort of community partners such as Lenoir-Rhyne University, Catawba County Dept. of Social Services, Hickory Police Department, Young People of Integrity and YMCA, to offer academic and personal mentoring for 120 Hispanic students grades K-12.

This program was originally implemented to assist Latino students with homework assignments and offer them support throughout their educational endeavors. Since its inception in 2004, the program expanded from 3 students to approximately 120 students. We have been striving to meet the academic, social, and cultural needs of Hispanic families in our community through tutoring, cultural enrichment activities, teambuilding and leadership events, and a strong focus on prevention of risky behavior such as drugs, alcohol, violence, and teen pregnancy.

Recently members of our community and law enforcers have been coming together to combat an influx of gang activity. Within the last two weeks, we have had 3 Hispanic families come to our program seeking help for their young teenagers who stumbled into their home drugged up and beat up after a night of partying and gang initiation. These parents depend on our program because not only do we understand their culture, their struggles, and their fears, we are also able to effectively link them to community resources so that their children can receive the support they so desperately need. Should the *Abriendo Puertas* program receive funding, our community partners are committed to helping us offer these young people the services they need in order to succeed.

Last year, we received a \$10,000 Grant and were able to attract our first group of high-school students to the program. In order to continue this important program and increase community awareness and support of *Abriendo Puertas*, additional funding of \$8,000 is needed. We thank you for the opportunity to apply for these funds. We eagerly await the reassurance that we will be able to partner with you once again to provide services to Latino youth in Catawba County. Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to call me at (828) 555-5555.



Project Description

Friendship Trays Garden: A plot to thicken community.

Slow Food Charlotte

Charlotte, NC

The Idea

Convert a donated urban lot, burdened with brambles and poison ivy, into a year-round garden to supplement fresh food to our local meals-on-wheels provider, serve as an education garden for the adjoining culinary school which cooks those meals, and offer it as a demonstration garden for urban gardening workshops and school field trips.

Who Benefits

The Community Culinary School educates people who experience barriers to employment. The school will tend the garden and add it to their curriculum. The garden's bounty will supplement meals sent to low-income families, the elderly, and the homebound and ailing. The garden will be a classroom for children of all ages.

Objective

The Friendship Trays Garden will connect the crossing missions of multiple communities through the garden. The garden will produce, educate, demonstrate & offer a spot for the rare crop repose. The measure of the garden will be the hands that tend it, the mouths it feeds and the community it fosters.

Time Frame

Jan-June 2010

Budget

\$24,000



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