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Rebirth Partners With HEC Reading Horizons

QUARTER TWO

Jeremiah 29:11— "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

Rebirth Community Development Center partnered with HEC Reading Horizons on February 16, 2008, to initiate a plan to introduce reading software to the districts of the greater Birmingham area.

The reading program have been researched and the results yielded a very effective program that will aid students in all grade levels becoming better readers.

Linda Eversole, one of the authors/developer of the reading program presented the information on the use and success of the software.

This partnership will allow both Rebirth and Reading Horizons to work collaboratively with the school districts to pilot the program in schools. Moreover, this is a great opportunity for educators, board members, civic leaders, church leaders, parents, and students to come together and become informed on an initiative that may assist in eradicating illiteracy in our community.

The first pilot will be summer 2008 for 6 weeks with a local high school in the greater Birmingham area schools. Empha-



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sis will be placed on the components of the Alabama High School Graduation Exam and strengthening the skills of the students.

HEC Reading Horizons Workshop



The Mission of Rebirth

Rebirth Community Development Corporation's mission is to build synergy among community and educational stakeholders to best utilize resources. Because we believe that it takes a community to raise and education children, we will:

- Provide data and resource information to stakeholders that reveal best practice in assisting students throughout their educational experience.
- Develop and implement strategies to create the synergy among stakeholders needed to properly utilize the resources within the community.
- Work cooperatively with schools, school districts, faith-based organizations, parent groups, and advocacy groups that aspire to unite the community and resources for educational excellence.

Rebirth to Begin GED Program



Rebirth is now a General Educational Development Program (GED) site. We partnered with Lawson State Community College, the main headquarters, to become one of its extensions. We will begin our Program May 1, 2008.

The GED diploma is equivalent to a high school diploma. We will operate differently than a traditional classroom because of different ages

and different stages of study. Our classes will be flexible to meet the needs of each individual within the classroom.

Each learner will be given an individualized plan of instruction and will work independently on that plan—making progress at his/her own rate.

We will provide all books, computer access, and other instructional materials.

When each learner's GED test score meets the set standard, an official High School Equivalency Diploma will be issued by the State of Alabama. These credentials will be equivalent to a high school diploma and recognized as such by employers, the military, and colleges.

For more information, contact Ronald Bayles at 205.422.1864.

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Rebirth Partners with the Cristina Foundation

Rebirth has partnered with the National Cristina Foundation to receive donations. Our partnership was approved in March 2008.

We are now able to receive, computers, printers, copiers, scanners, monitors, hardware, etc. from the Foundation.

Our partnership will allow us to assist more individuals in our present



and future workshops. We are honored to have been accepted.

We will continue to focus directly on improving the lives of people with disabilities, students at risk, the economically disadvantaged, etc.



Pending Partnerships Grants

I. Rebirth is in the process of partnering with the United Way's Food Bank. The partnership will allow us to purchase foods at an economical price.

The partnership, in essence, means that we will be able to expand our services to meet the needs of the people in the community.

II. Rebirth is in the process of partnering with several schools in the greater Birmingham area to pilot various programs for the benefit of children.

The partnerships will be a "Win Win" collaboration for parents, students, educators, and Rebirth.

III. Rebirth submitted five grant proposals to various organizations to assist us in accomplishing our mission.

We plan to submit more applications during Quarter II. Obtaining funds will expand our services to the community.



Successful Workshops

January's Workshop was entitled, "Job Readiness Seminar" - The participants learned the essentials of dressing for success composing a resume and cover letter, assembling a portfolio and preparing for interviews. Mock interviews were held to teach students proper etiquette.

We will hold the same seminar in May because of requests.

February's Workshop was entitled, "Career Technical Awareness" - February was Career technical education awareness month; therefore, Rebirth partnered with Lawson State Community College to host the visit of more than 35 students to visit the Business Technologies Division (Accounting, Business Administration, Computer Science, Office Administration, Real Estate,

Testing Centers, etc.), Auto Body, Barbering, Cosmetology, Commercial Foods, and Health Professions (RN, LPN, EMT, and Dental Programs). Each program presented its data containing the projected incomes, program classes, etc. The trip was educational and gave students insights to the vocations. Dual Enrollment was discussed also for the 10-11 graders.



Remaining Quarterly Workshops

April—College Prep Awareness - Each participant will receive information needed in order to get prepared for college. Topics will include: Financial Aid, College Entrance Exams, Transcripts, Residence Living, Choosing a Major, etc.

May —Job Readiness Seminar - Each participant will learn the essentials of Dressing for success, composing a resumes and cover letter, preparing portfolios, interviewing, etc.

June—Health Fair / Healthy Living - Participants will have the opportunity to learn about various health issues and be screened. Focuses will be on blood pressure, cholesterol, HIV, Diabetes, etc.

June—Reading Connections - Participants will be provided tools to enrich their reading abilities and reading levels.

July —Community Clean-Up Month - Volunteers will come together to assist in cleaning the neighborhoods within a 2-mile radius.

August — Back to School Rally - Rebirth will assist in kicking off the new school year by sponsoring a rally. The rally will offer book bags, supplies, health booths, music, to the students.

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September—ACT Prep Seminar - Rebirth will offer a preparation class for students preparing to take the ACT during fall 2008. The class is designed to cover: English, including grammar, punctuation usage, etc.; Mathematics, including algebra, geometry and trigonometry, percents, ratios, and word problems; Reading Comprehension, including reading in context and read-

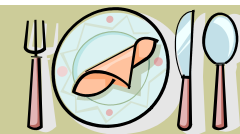
ing for speed and accuracy, and Science, including interpreting charts, tables, and graphs. ETC.

October—Children Safety Awareness - The workshop consist of various topics and tips for children in the areas of fire, sports, traffic, strangers, and personal safety.

November—Adopt-A-Family Month - Rebirth

will adopt three needy families for the month of November. A Thanksgiving meal will be delivered to them a day before Thanksgiving.

December—Holiday Toy Drive - Rebirth wants to help put a smile on the faces of children with a Holiday Toy Drive. We want to reach into the lives of families in underserved communities.



Rebirth sponsors a breakfast every fourth (4th) Saturday of each month for the homeless / needy.

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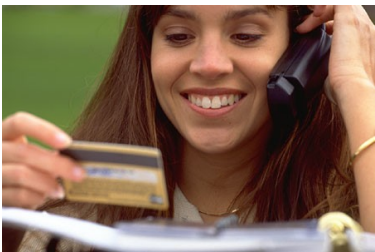
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Each donor has the choice of donating directly to Rebirth through PayPal (A secured site) or shopping online with a portion of the proceeds going to Rebirth Community Development Corporation.

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Rebirth—Support This Ministry



Rebirth Community Development Corporation now has a shopping ministry. You can shop from over 100,000 items in the Christian Bookstore at discount prices and 10% of your purchase will be donated directly to us!

You can shop from any of the 1000+ stores in the Online Mall

and we will receive a percentage of your purchase. We think this is a great way for you to help our ministry while you do your normal shopping. You don't need to purchase anything you normally wouldn't. You can even order your office supplies from Office Depot or Staples. Please take a few minutes to get familiar with the site (especially the Online Mall) and make this your first stop when you shop online.

If you are in business and would like to see your company featured on our site, you will be able to do so online.

You can help us purchase our items at a significant savings by listing your business on our site.



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with
Purpose.”**