

Ritter Community Revitalization Project (RCRP)

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To Whom It May Concern,

1) The Ritter Community Revitalization Project is a 501 C3 organization. We are a non-profit LLC organization with advantages to ensure protection under the law. The LLC saves on taxes, accurate on record keeping rules & more for the RCRP. The RCRP would like to erect a Community Center with a playground or an Operational Facility to support our youth, young adults and seniors by listening to their needs and actively engaging them in meaningful activities. We invite **Youth Activities**, particularly in after-school activities, which do wonders for a child's growth and development. The **after school-programs** are designed to improve social skills, grades, overall coordination, sense of self and relationships with adults other than their parents. Overall **reducing crime** within the community and surrounding environments by 41 percent.

2) We need educational programs to promote growth and challenge the disparities we are experiencing in our growing society. An educational program designed for after school sessions can help develop a routine or study structure for children of all ages. The most important thing about helping children be successful is to provide a good education. High percentage of children are disorganized and does not randomly tackle the challenges in education that need improvement for scholastic achievement. **Medical and Mental Health** Awareness & Wellness will definitely be programmed to help eradicate the disparities we are confronted with daily. The Community Center with a playground or an Operational Facility would be a guide to Medical and Mental Health resources for all residents within the Ritter and surrounding communities.

3) We have a 52 percent population of seniors and by listening to them, they are asking for actively engaging and meaningful activities without driving miles away. A Community Center with a playground or Operational Facility will provide them with free interactive events in person and virtually such as; yoga classes, board games, movies and other classes designed for learning. This center will also **provide self-improvement**, and physical exercises that would improve hand and eye coordination. Another source of

activity is movie night. Seniors and other members going to a community center for a movie is an experience that will never get old. Traditional games like puzzles, card games and checkers provide a safe and a great way to socialize comfortably and stay healthy. The center will create a program that will assist and provide information and help senior citizens solve problems.

4) Hunger is a very complex issue and when people face hunger, they often struggle to meet other basic needs. They suffer from such things as housing, employment, and healthcare. The Community Center will join the **Feeding America** program that will assist with school-based food pantries, **emergency disaster relief**, and many others. Feeding America is committed to more than providing food for people in need and the Community Center with a playground can participate in those programs.

5) The community does have very limited built-in strengths. One of the only built-in strengths identified by the team was the support of the local churches. Together they have implemented programs to benefit the residents. However, many of the programs have been terminated due to funding issues and Covid-19. We asked for your assistance in obtaining funds for this community to build a structure such as a Community Center with a playground or provide guidance to obtain one. We have retired teachers, retired military personnel, professional licensed counselors, active medical personnel, Social Security and Social Representatives and many other skilled professional members that is willing to devote time and assistance with the Community center activities.

Thanks

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