

ELAN VITAL SOLUTIONS

"serving those experiencing homelessness"

December Newsletter

12/17/2016

Dear Friends,

God keeps moving powerfully in our presence. We are so encouraged and thankful, yet cautious to remain humble and with a servant's heart. We have much to report in what we are now calling the monthly *Newsletter*. Below is a brief description of our nonprofit, Elan Vital Solutions, and some of the projects on which we are working to address homelessness.

One of the many blessings this last month is we have been given a professional web developer, Joshua Ball, who has offered to help us design and build a great website, thank you Josh! For the time being please go to our Facebook page to view Mission Statement, Staff Profiles and Updates.

With so many needs to address, the EVS staff is prayerfully considering how to move forward. Given our relatively small size and infancy as an organization, we have decided to narrow our focus on a hand full of projects. They are listed, with a brief description, below:

1. Arlington Veterans Training Ctn.

- a. We have met with the city Community and Economic Development director Chris Young who has encouraged us to move forward. The property we have targeted is zoned for the purpose we intend. Mayor Barbara Tolbert has agreed to meet with us to hear our vision. We are asking Mayor Tolbert for her support. Please pray with us for that.
- b. Please also pray with us that any investor will come forward to supply the \$1.75 million needed to build and launch programs in 2017.
- c. Please also pray with us that the right nonprofit will come forward to run the veterans programs. We have talked to several interested program providers over the last 30 days. This is a key aspect of our vision and critical to the success of the center.

2. (New) Stand Alone Unit Initiative

a. The stationary and mobile units have evolved into a new initiative called the Stand Alone Units (SAUs). October saw 11 units requested by local nonprofits, November that grew to 25 units and as of today we have requests for 54 units! b. We have submitted an emergency grant request to the Paul Allen Foundation to kick-start this initiative. Please pray with us that it will be funded.

3. Low income housing in Hilo, Hawaii

a. We are seeking the right investor to launch this project. It will unfold in 4 phases of \$1.75 million each. The total low income house potential for these 42 acres comes to 24 homes. These homes are targeted for veterans. Integral to the project is the development of agriculture as a source of income for those living in the homes.

4. (New) Level 5 Fortress Safe Shelters

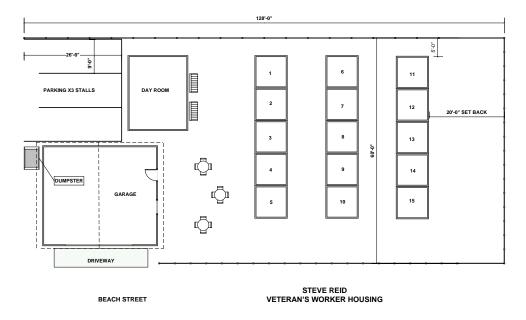
- a. This project will be entered via a Joint Operating Agreement (JOA) with Buddy Shelters LLC to provide safe shelters to those in high wind states in the United States. The project will also provide safe rooms for schools, private businesses and governmental agencies from active shooter scenarios.
- b. The design phase (I) of this project is complete. Phase II and III require \$3 million which will get this project through testing and to market. Please join us in prayer for the success of this project.

5. Marysville 150-unit home for homeless ex-convicts

a. We will meet with the developer 12/20 to begin finalizing design for this amazing project and hope to break ground by mid -2017. Please pray with us for continued favor with the City of Marysville and with this critical ministry. Funding has been secured and zoning has been approved.

6. The Marysville Veteran Housing Project

a. This project, which we introduced last month, has been given the go-ahead by the City of Marysville and will be the future home of 15 veterans! Please continue to pray for the speedy completion.



As I review the above projects, I am over whelmed with what God is doing! As we build the organization so that we can deliver on these opportunities we have had lengthy talks with two new experts we believe God has provided - a project manager and development director. Look to next month's Newsletter for anticipated announcements regarding these two key individuals!

Community Activities:

We have continued to immerse ourselves in learning what our community needs. We have met with



Greg Dootson of Lutheran Community Services, Pastor John Mack of Holy Ghost Ministries, Rev Jean Kim of the Jean Kim Foundation for Homeless Students, Steve & Lynn Reid of Women at the Well, Bobby Thompson of Housing Hope, attended the Snohomish Co Housing Consortium Breakfast, attended the Kresge Foundation Seminar and held numerous staff meetings to pray and plot our path forward.

Thankfulness:

Above all, I wish to convey to you that we are all

experiencing a deep thankfulness for the direction and favor the Holy Spirit has poured out to us. We are walking each day in confidence while knowing that when looking at the need in front of us and our total lack of financial resources any reasonable person would say we are out of our minds. But even as I write this to you, I do it with a smile and joy in my heart that He is with us. One of our staff said to me this month that he woke at 2 am not able to sleep because he was experiencing a "tsunami of joy" over the work He has us undertaking.

Needs:

All that is being accomplished is being done through His grace and volunteer hours. It's time to begin paying existing staff, bring on new staff, set up our office, website, cards, software, phones, etc. so we can accomplish the vision God has given to us and address the urgent needs of people who are experiencing homelessness. Donations that are directed at "where needed most" are most valuable today so that we have the liberty to direct those funds to the most urgent needs. We greatly appreciate your support in accomplishing this mission of addressing this urgent need in our community. Please consider a tax-deductible donation this year to this ministry. Above all we would like your prayers for continued favor.

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For His glory,

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