

FUNDING PROPOSAL FOR THE BUILDING OF MYRTLE CENTER
GHANA, WEST AFRICA



Summary:

Background: Myrtle Non-Profit Organization with a purpose to improve lives by providing facility and promoting partnerships that empowers people to live a life of peace and joy. This services will be provided primarily in the Brong Ahafo region in Ghana, West Africa.

For the past decades Brong Ahafo has had a reputation as an underprivileged region in the country of Ghana, this has compassionately moved us to play a part in bringing about transformation in the lives of the natives of the region especially among young girls and the venerable.

Problem: Currently the natives of this region lacks basic resources to provide the services needed in enhancing their lives especially in areas of education and health. As a result, there has been so many school drop outs, a lot of school going age Girls that have been neglected and not enrolled in school. There has also been an increase in alcoholism and drugs addiction; increase in teenage pregnancy, child and Women abuse . In addition, the aged has been neglected and they have to care for themselves. All these has contributed to a high crime rate.

Solution: Although remarkable projects has been initiated by the Ghana government to combat the massive problems such as lack of Education among young Girls and Health problems amid the Elderly in the Brong Ahafo Region of Ghana, the gender gap between boys and girls who are able to complete Senior high school is high and one of the major objective is to work to improve that gender gap and also help to address some of the health issues with the Elderly.

Project Duration: The project is projected to last about 10 years. From the planning phase to completion phase. The Planning phase of the project will last about 3 years while the actual implementation of the project will last 7 years.

Objective: The primary Objective of Myrtle Rehabilitation Centre is to enhance the life chances and opportunities of the less privileged especially young girls and the old. The program will ensure every individual that enrolls in the program succeed especially young girls that drop out of school. One of the major goals of Myrtle Centre is increase the graduation rate of young girls in the Brong Ahafo region in Ghana by providing the resources to support the families of such girls.

Funds needed: The program is requesting a total budget of **\$800,000** to put up the facility, purchase equipment needed for the operation of both the educational and the health aspects of the program. A detailed budget will be provided in this proposal to show the breakdown of the total budget.

Introduction:

Myrtle Non-Profit Organization was established in 2013 as an NGO with a determination to transform lives by providing support and fostering partnerships that empower people to live a life of peace and joy. The Primary purpose of Myrtle is to provide educational support to less privileged with the focus on young drop out girls and providing health related information and services to the Elderly to all people especially those in the Brong Ahafo area in Ghana West Africa.

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Currently the natives of the Brong Ahafo Region in Ghana lack basic resources to provide the services needed in improving education among young girls . As a result, there has been so many school drop outs, a lot of school going age children that have been neglected and not enrolled in school. There has also been an increase in alcoholism and drugs addiction; increase in teenage pregnancy, child abuse and battered women. In addition, the aged or the Elderly has been neglected and need some basic health services and information. Myrtle will be the first Non-profit organisation in the region to mainly provide educational, vocational resources to young girls while providing health related information and services to the most neglected elderly in the region.

Problem:

The community is in need of many resources to enhance their living, currently the organization has decided to focus on these areas:

- EDUCATIONAL (Early Childhood /Kindergarten, Primary, High Schools, Trade/Technical, Appropriate and Indigenous Technology, Agricultural, Care for Nature, Horticultural). Due to some serious problems among the youth such as Teenage pregnancies and increase in alcoholism and drug addiction High school dropouts has been very high among young girls which is worse in the country second to the Northern Region in Ghana.
- HEALTH (Preventive/ Public Health, Nutritional, Curative/ Medical Treatment). Due to lack of health facilities the region has always been close to the top in terms of out-patient attendance- thus patients cannot be admitted and properly cared for.
- PSYCHOSOCIAL (Geriatric Care and Concerns, Rehabilitation, Drug/ Alcohol Rehabilitation)
- SPIRITUAL /BIBLICAL EVANGELISM (Practical Theological systems and use of Christian prayers and deliverance for Pastoral/Spiritual care and Counselling to strengthen life and build resilience in the face of tragedies)

Solution:

- EDUCATIONAL
 - We are committed to ending the plague of illiteracy and school dropouts. The organization will provide a nurturing environment committed to achieving excellence. All children will be challenged to reach their maximum potential by learning at their functional level to provide a solid foundation of skills, knowledge and values. The organization will ensure and help students to become a well-educated and productive adults in the community. Our goal is to educate young girls about the consequences of teenage pregnancies.
- HEALTH
 - Currently, the community has no well-equipped health facility that serves the natives when they're sick. Myrtle will provide a safe environment and quality in health facilities that will cater to the health needs of the people in the region.
 - Due to poor infrastructure in the few hospital in the Region, Patients
- PSYCHOSOCIAL (Geriatric Care and Concerns, Rehabilitation, Drug/ Alcohol Rehabilitation)
 - Provide a safe environment for adults who are vulnerable, children who have been abused, and women who have been battered.
- SPIRITUAL /BIBLICAL EVANGELISM

- The organization will provide biblical teachings for victorious living in Christ Jesus as well as providing an environment in which biblical life transformation takes place and foster active personal relationship with Christ. In addition, Pastoral/Spiritual care and counselling to strengthen life and build resilience in the face of tragedies will be provided.

Project Objective:

- The objective of Myrtle Rehabilitation Centre is to enhance the life and give opportunities to the less privileged people by:
 - Provide educational support to young people especially less privileged girls.
 - Provide resources for safety and well-being of individuals victimized by domestic violence (especially Battered women and Abused young girls).
 - Promote healthy relationships or marriages. Every home deserves to be a safe home.
 - Promote employment-oriented skills and programmes for the progress of physically, mentally economically and socially disadvantaged persons.
 - Create community health to benefit the most vulnerable population of the rural areas.

Project Duration:

- It is projected that the overall project will last for about 10 years. From the planning phase to completion phase.
- The Planning phase of the project will last for about 3 years while the actual implementation of the project will last for about 7 years. The planning phase for 3 years will be broken down into 3 phases:
 - Initial planning and landscape
 - Building Planning- Drawings
 - Acquiring Certifications and approval from Authorities.
- The implementation Phase is designed to take about 7 years.

Project Description:

In 2013, Myrtle Non-Profit Organization was established in 2013 as an NGO with a purpose to transform lives, primarily in the Brong Ahafo Region. Many of the natives in the community lack access to basic life necessities such:

- HEALTH
- EDUCATIONAL
- PSYCHOSOCIAL
- SPIRITUAL /BIBLICAL EVANGELISM

In an effort to help transform the lives of these people, the organization is seeking for funds to build Healthcare facilities that will cater to health needs of the community at a very low or no cost. A well-equipped educational institution that will provide educational services to children of the community.

Project Method:

Myrtle have an effective partnership with the following groups to provide cost efficient, high quality programs to the individuals who will enrol in the program. Some of the partners are Conference of Ghanaian Presbyterian Churches North America (CGPCNA) , Presbyterian Church of USA and Ebenezer Presbyterian Church.

Myrtle will be hiring medical staffs such as 10 Nurses, 2 Doctors and 2 Pharmacists to work in the health sector of the facility. The organisation will also be hiring Educators such as 10 Teachers to run the educational part of the program which will mainly help young drop out girls to further their education. There will be other staff that will be on board to help in the administrative sector of the organization. All Staff when hired will be given 2 weeks intensive training on the core values of the organisation.

Mission Statement:

Transform lives by empowering individuals and families to thrive by promoting, independence and safety through innovative services, supporting sustainable recovery, as well as protecting children and promoting healthier families through strong practice and strong partnerships with the community and tribes.

Myrtle will build funding support from businesses, churches and private donors in an aggressive rate of growth. Yet it will take five years before funding from these sources becomes strong enough to expand the program.

- People are healthy,
- People are safe,
- People are supported

Grant History:

Currently Myrtle has no grants except the financial support from Ebenezer Presbyterian Church which has donated about \$40, 000 and planning on donating about \$10,000 per year towards this project.

Board of Directors:

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Budget:

Expenses	Total:	Ebenezer Share of the Budget
General Requirements:		
Site Plans and Specifications	\$80,000	\$30, 000
Permits: Zoning, building and Environmental	\$20, 000	\$10,000

Survey	\$10,000	\$10, 000
Administrative Costs	\$50,000	\$15, 000
Construction:		
Site Prep	\$40, 000	\$10,000
Labor Cost (Constructors and Administrators)	\$200,000	\$20,000
Materials	\$300,000	\$50,000
Miscellaneous	\$60, 0000	\$10,000

Project Sustainability:

To continuing meeting our goals Myrtle has developed a banquet for fundraising and will continue to engage PCUSA, CPCGNA, and Ebenezer Presbyterian Church organisations for funding and grants.

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