

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION authorizing the Trustees of the Land Trust of Jackson County to convey one parcel of real property located in Kansas City, Missouri, to Bridge Leadership Academy, Inc., of Kansas City, MO, for rehabilitation and redevelopment of the urban core in accordance with section 141.750.2, RSMo 2000.

RESOLUTION #17907, June 4, 2012

INTRODUCED BY James D. Tindall, County Legislator

WHEREAS, section 141.750.2, RSMo 2000, authorizes the Trustees of the Land Trust of Jackson County to convey title in fee simple for consideration less than two-thirds of the appraised value of a property, only after the consent of at least two of the Trustees' appointing authorities; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Kansas City, Missouri, by its Resolution 110072, approved February 10, 2011, has delegated the authority to its Director of Neighborhood and Community Services Department to approve the transfer of blighted properties held by Land Trust of Jackson County to neighborhood-based non-profit corporations for rehabilitation; and,

WHEREAS, by Resolution 17509, dated February 14, 2011, the Legislature did express its support for these efforts of the City Council and staff of the City of Kansas City to reduce blight in the city's urban core; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Kansas City, Missouri Director Neighborhood and Community

Services Department has recommended that the property located at 10521 Blue Ridge Blvd., Kansas City, MO, legally described as Craigview Acres South 1/2 of Lot 3, parcel number 49-740-06-14-00-0-00-000, be conveyed to Bridge Leadership Academy, Inc., of Kansas City (Jackson County), MO, a Missouri non-profit corporation, to support the rehabilitation of the property that was otherwise scheduled for demolition, in an effort to curb blight within the urban core; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Land Trust Trustees be authorized to convey the property located at 10521 Blue Ridge Blvd., Kansas City, MO, for an amount of less than two-thirds market value, to the Bridge Leadership Academy, Inc., a Missouri non-profit corporation, for the purpose of better maintaining this property and revitalizing the area in which it is located; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, encourages the Land Trust Trustees to include and enforce reversionary clauses in the conveyances regarding redevelopment of the properties within a prescribed time frame; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Land Trust Trustees are hereby authorized to execute any and all necessary documents to convey the above-described property for less than two-thirds market value.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a majority of the Legislature.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Gay D. Holden
Chief Deputy County Counselor

W. Stephen Nifay
County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution #17907 of June 4, 2012, was duly passed on *June 4*, 2012 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas *9*

Nays *0*

Abstaining *0*

Absent *0*

6.4.12
Date

Mary Jo Spino
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

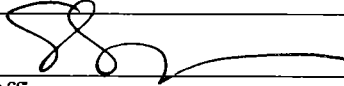
Completed by County Counselor's Office:

Res/~~Ord~~ No.: 17907

Sponsor(s): James D. Tindall

Date: June 4, 2012

SUBJECT	<p>Action Requested</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Resolution</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance</p> <p>Project/Title: Request authorization to donate Land Trust property 10521 Blue Ridge Blvd. in Kansas City, Missouri to the non-profit Bridge Leadership Academy, Inc.</p>										
BUDGET INFORMATION <i>To be completed By Requesting Department and Finance</i>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Amount authorized by this legislation this fiscal year:</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: right;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amount previously authorized this fiscal year:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total amount authorized after this legislative action:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amount budgeted for this item * (including transfers):</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Source of funding (name of fund) and account code number; FROM / TO</td> <td> <p>FROM ACCT</p> <p>TO ACCT</p> </td> </tr> </table> <p>* If account includes additional funds for other expenses, total budgeted in the account is: \$</p> <p>OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No budget impact (no fiscal note required)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Term and Supply Contract (funds approved in the annual budget); estimated value and use of contract:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Department: Estimated Use: \$</p> <p>Prior Year Budget (if applicable):</p> <p>Prior Year Actual Amount Spent (if applicable):</p>	Amount authorized by this legislation this fiscal year:	\$	Amount previously authorized this fiscal year:	\$	Total amount authorized after this legislative action:	\$	Amount budgeted for this item * (including transfers):	\$	Source of funding (name of fund) and account code number; FROM / TO	<p>FROM ACCT</p> <p>TO ACCT</p>
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PRIOR LEGISLATION	<p>Prior ordinances and (date):</p> <p>Prior resolutions and (date):</p>										
CONTACT INFORMATION	<p>RLA drafted by: Sandy Aguirre Mayer, Special Projects Coordinator for County Executive's Office, 881-3282</p>										
REQUEST SUMMARY	<p>The administration requests donation of the Land Trust property at 10521 Blue Ridge Blvd. in Kansas City, Missouri to Bridge Leadership Academy, Inc. for the purpose of opening a a center to inspire and develop forward-thinking progressive young leaders through character-based development, educational, personal and professional discovery and a commitment to serve the community. This organization has acquired many services through donations for the establishment of this academy. All necessary documentation is attached.</p>										
CLEARANCE	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Tax Clearance Completed (Purchasing & Department)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Business License Verified (Purchasing & Department)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 6 Compliance - Affirmative Action/Prevailing Wage (County Auditor's Office)</p>										

ATTACHMENTS	Application page Letter of Request Letters of Support IRS Letter Listing of Board Members	
REVIEW	Department Director:	Date:
	Finance (Budget Approval): <i>If applicable</i>	Date:
	Division Manager: 	Date: 5/24/12
	County Counselor's Office:	Date:

Fiscal Information (to be verified by Budget Office in Finance Department)

- This expenditure was included in the annual budget.
- Funds for this were encumbered from the _____ Fund in _____.
- There is a balance otherwise unencumbered to the credit of the appropriation to which the expenditure is chargeable and there is a cash balance otherwise unencumbered in the treasury to the credit of the fund from which payment is to be made each sufficient to provide for the obligation herein authorized.
- Funds sufficient for this expenditure will be/were appropriated by Ordinance # _____
- Funds sufficient for this appropriation are available from the source indicated below.

Account Number:	Account Title:	Amount Not to Exceed:

- This award is made on a need basis and does not obligate Jackson County to pay any specific amount. The availability of funds for specific purchases will, of necessity, be determined as each using agency places its order.
- This legislative action does not impact the County financially and does not require Finance/Budget approval.

**NON-PROFIT SUMMARY FOR REQUEST OF DONATION
OR REDUCED PURCHASE PRICE OF LAND TRUST PROPERTY**

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: Bridge Leadership Academy, Inc.

ADDRESS: 10809 Beacon or P.O. BOX 12203

CITY, STATE, ZIP: Kansas City, MO 64134 or Parkville, MO 64152

CONTACT PERSON: Wakisha Briggs

PHONE: 816-442-4703 EMAIL: Kshbriggs@gmail.com

HOW LONG HAS YOUR ORGANIZATION BEEN OPERATING? (MINIMUM 5 YEARS REQUIRED) 3.5

WHAT IS THE MISSION OF YOUR ORGANIZATION? The mission of The Bridge Leadership Academy (Bridge) is to inspire and develop forward-thinking progressive young leaders through character-based development, educational, personal and professional discovery and a commitment to serve the community.

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENTS (1 PAGE EACH) AND CHECK IF ATTACHED:

COVER LETTER TO:

- Michael D. Sanders, County Executive
- CC: Scott Burnett, Jackson County Legislator, 1st District At-Large
- CC: Shelley Kneuvean, Deputy Chief, Chief Operations Officer

EXPLANATION WHY YOU NEED A DONATION OR PURCHASE FOR LESS THAN 2/3 APPRAISED VALUE OF PROPERTY (IES) Seeking a donation.

MAP SHOWING THE PROPERTY YOU ARE REQUESTING WITH SURROUNDING, LABELED STREETS

COPY OF YOUR 501 c (3) LETTER

LISTING OF BOARD MEMBERS WITH CONTACT INFORMATION

LISTING OF STAFF MEMBERS, IF ANY

NARRATIVE OF YOUR PLANS FOR THE PROPERTY, INCLUDING:

1. PREVIOUS SIMILAR PROJECTS AND THEIR OUTCOMES
2. HOW THIS PROPOSED PROJECT WILL BENEFIT THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND/OR GENERAL PUBLIC

LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT YOU PLAN TO UNDERTAKE WITH THE PROPERTY

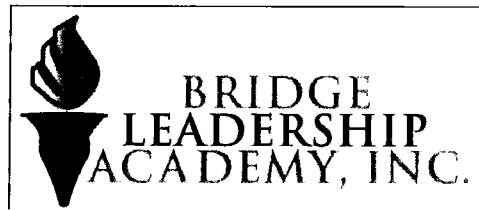
DESCRIPTION OF FUNDING OR RESOURCES TO CARRY OUT PROJECT. ARE PUBLIC FUNDS INVOLVED?

COPY OF WEBPAGE, IF ANY

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

March 23, 2012: HOW LONG HAS THIS PROPERTY BEEN IN LAND TRUST?

PLEASE EMAIL ALL DOCUMENTS TO: smayer@jacksongov.org Call Sandy Mayer at 816 881-3282 with questions.



May 4, 2012

The Honorable Michael D. Sanders
Jackson County Executive
Jackson County Courthouse
415 E. 12th Street, 2nd Floor
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

Re: Donation by Land Trust of Jackson County to Bridge Leadership Academy, Inc.
10521 Blue Ridge Boulevard

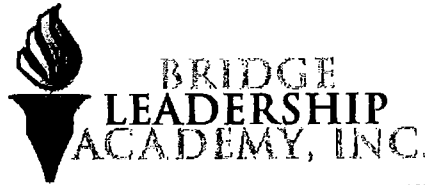
Dear County Executive Sanders:

This letter is intended to supplement the previous documentation submitted to the County on behalf of Bridge Leadership Academy, Inc., a Missouri non-profit corporation ("Bridge"), requesting a donation to Bridge of certain property in the Ruskin area of Kansas City located at 10521 Blue Ridge Boulevard. Bridge have been asked to discuss why we are requesting a donation versus purchase of this particular property.

The property is on the City's Open Dangerous Building Cases List. The City had intended to demolish such structure, in its entirety, prior to the All Star Game, and as close to May 1 as possible, because of its highly visible location on a major arterial road leading to Royals Stadium. Some of the elements that support a donation versus a purchase of this property are the resources that Bridge has been gathering will be needed to cause a demolition of the rear portion, enclose the exposed rear portion of the structure that is intended to remain, repair the roof over part of the structure, remove the substantial debris, and begin to address the exterior, including the lawn and landscaping in a timely manner prior to the All Star Game, rather than apply resources to a purchase. Further, the other resources that are available to this organization are needed for interior renovations of the structure and to begin operations. The donation will save the City the cost of demolition. It is for this reason that we have been advised that the City encourages and desires to facilitate the donation transaction.

Sincerely,

Wakisha Briggs 5-4-2012
Wakisha Briggs, President
Bridge Leadership Academy, Inc



[P.O. Box 12203 | Kansas City, MO 64152 | 816-442-4703]

May 2, 2012

The Honorable Michael D. Sanders
County Executive
Jackson County Courthouse
415 E. 12th Street, 2nd Floor
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

Dear County Executive Sanders:

On behalf of the low-income and at-risk youth served by Bridge Leadership Academy, Inc. (Bridge), I am pleased to submit our proposal prepared according to your guidelines. Bridge is requesting the donation of the property located at 10521 Blue Ridge Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri, 64134 for the purpose of operating a "South Kansas City Bridge Leadership Academy Outreach Center."

The mission of Bridge is to inspire and develop forward-thinking progressive young leaders through character-based development, educational, personal and professional discovery and a commitment to serve the community. To this end, the leadership program provides students with growth-changing experiences that enhance each student's sense of self-worth.

While being a relatively new organization, Bridge has extensive experience providing youth programs and the Bridge leadership team have over 30 years of experience in higher education and student development.

Bridge maintains low overhead costs and adheres to high ethical standards. The agency is also in continual collaboration with a number of public and private community partners and has developed a reputation for stability, efficiency and professionalism.

I believe this request is in line with the philanthropic goals of our community and the Hickman Mills School District. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me directly at 816-442-4703. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Wakisha Briggs, M.Ed.

President

Office: 816-442-4703

Website: www.bridgeleadershipacademy.com

"Reigniting the Spark in the Hearts of Our Youth"



| P.O. Box 12203 | Kansas City, MO 64112 | 816-442-4703 |

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The Honorable Scott Burnett, Chair
Jackson County Legislature Finance & Audit Committee
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Kansas City, Missouri 64106

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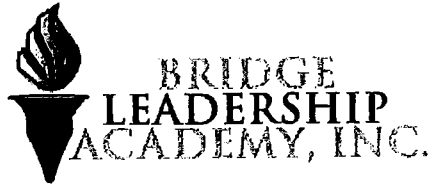
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May 2, 2012

Shelley Temple-Kneuvean
Chief Operations Officer
Jackson County Courthouse
415 E. 12th Street, 2nd Floor
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

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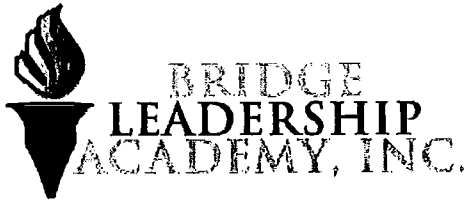
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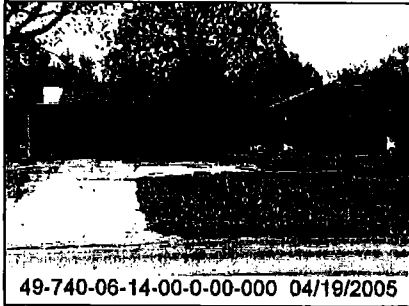
Property Donation Request
To the
Land Trust of
Jackson County, Missouri

May 2, 2012
Wakisha Briggs, M.Ed.

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Property Information



Parcel ID: 49-740-06-14-00-0-00-000

Address on this Parcel:
10521 BLUE RIDGE BLVD
KANSAS CITY, MO 64134

Owner Information:
LARSON RICHARD L & DARLENE J
5400 BRIAR
SHAWNEE MISSION, KS 66205

Mortgage Holder Information:
No Mortgage Holder Information.

Property Characteristics:
Year Built: NA
Living Area (Approx. sq. ft.): NA
Tax Neighborhood Code: 9848
Parcel Area (Approx.): 0.44 (acres), 19,422.00 (SqFt)

Property Class: Commercial Improved (code: 2010)

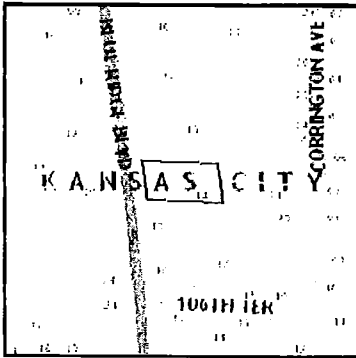
Tax Code Area:
Code: 12
City: Kansas City
Fire: NA
Library: Mid Continent
School: Hickman Mills C-1
Water: NA

Assessment Information:
Tax Year: 2011
Market Value: \$85,178
Assessed Value: \$27,257
Taxable Value: \$27,257
Where are mv tax dollars going?

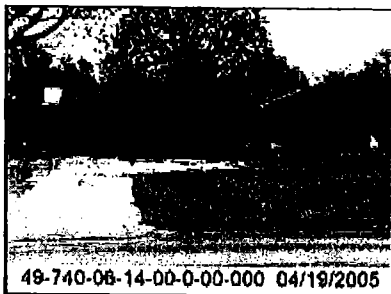
Exemption Status (2011):
No exemptions.

Community Improvement District (CID):
Property is not in a CID.

TIF Information:
Property is not in a TIF.



Property Photographs



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10521 BLUE RIDGE BLVD (Primary)
KANSAS CITY, MO 64134

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STATE OF MISSOURI



Robin Carnahan
Secretary of State


CERTIFICATE OF RESCISSION NONPROFIT CORPORATION

I, ROBIN CARNAHAN, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, hereby certify that the forfeiture/administrative dissolution entered against

Bridge Leadership Academy, Inc.
N00986767

on the 29th day of December, 2011, as provided in the Missouri Nonprofit Corporation Law was this day rescinded, and said corporation was on this date hereby restored to good standing in the records of this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto
set my hand and cause to be affixed the
GREAT SEAL of the State of Missouri.
Done at the City of Jefferson, this
23rd day of April, 2012.


Secretary of State



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
P.O. Box 2508
Cincinnati OH 45201

In reply refer to: 0248567573
Feb. 16, 2010 LTR 4168C EO
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BODC: SB

BRIDGE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
c/o WAKISHA BRIGGS
PO BOX 12203
KANSAS CITY MO 64152-0203

039509

Employer Identification Number 27-0688717 MR.
Person to Contact NIERMANN 1-
Toll Free Telephone Number 877-829-5500

Dear TAXPAYER:

This is in response to your Feb. 04, 2010, request for information regarding your tax-exempt status

Our records indicate that your organization was recognized as exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code in a determination letter issued in JANUARY 2010.

Our records also indicate that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because you are described in section(s) 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) .

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

Beginning with the organization's sixth taxable year and all succeeding years, it must meet one of the public support tests under section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) or section 509(a)(2) as reported on Schedule A of the Form 990. If your organization does not meet the public support test for two consecutive years, it is required to file Form 990-PF, Return of Private Foundation, for the second tax year that the organization failed to meet the support test and will be reclassified as a private foundation.

If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter.

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Feb. 16, 2010 LTR 4168C EO
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BRIDGE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
% WAKISHA BRIGGS
PO BOX 12203
KANSAS CITY MO 64152-0203

Sincerely yours,

Michele M. Sullivan, Oper. Mgr.
Accounts Management Operations I

State of Missouri

LIMITED EXEMPTION FROM MISSOURI SALES AND USE TAX ON PURCHASES AND SALES (Charitable)

Issued to:

Missouri Tax I.D.: 20845740

BRIDGE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY INC
319 N FOXRIDGE DR APT 106
RAYMORE MO 64083

Effective Date: 06/07/2010

Expiration Date: 06/07/2013

Your application for sales/use tax exempt status has been approved pursuant to Section 144.030.2(19), RSMo. This letter is issued as documentation of the exempt status of your organization. The organization above must adhere to the requirements of this exempt status.

As noted above, this is an expiring exemption subject to legislative changes and review by the Director of Revenue. Outlined below are specific requirements regarding this exemption. This summary is not intended as a complete restatement of the law. You should review the law to ensure your understanding and compliance.

- This exemption is not assignable or transferable. It is an exemption from sales and use taxes only and is not an exemption from real or personal property tax.
- Purchases by your organization are not subject to sales or use tax if conducted within your organization's exempt charitable, religious and educational functions and activities. When purchasing with this exemption, furnish all sellers or vendors a copy of this letter.
- Individuals making personal purchases may not use this exemption.
- A contractor may purchase and pay for construction materials exempt from sales tax when fulfilling a contract with your organization only if your organization issues a project exemption certificate and the contractor makes purchases in compliance with the provisions of Section 144.062, RSMo.
- Sales by your organization are not subject to sales or use tax if conducted within your organization's exempt charitable, religious and educational functions and activities.
- Sales intended to raise funds, not related to the exempt function of your organization, may be exempt only if such sales are occasional or isolated sales.
- If your organization engages in a competitive commercial business that serves the general public, even if the profits are used for your exempt charitable, religious and educational functions, you must obtain a Missouri Retail Sales Tax License and collect and remit sales tax.
- Any alteration to this exemption letter renders it invalid.

If you have any questions regarding the use of this letter, please contact the Taxation Division, P.O. Box 358, Jefferson City, Missouri 65105-0358, Email salestaxexemptions@dor.mo.gov, or call 573-751-2836.



May 2, 2012

Subject: President, Bridge Leadership Academy

To: Whom it my concern

Please accept this letter and the attached resume as my formal introduction as the President of The Bridge Leadership Academy. I am certain my skills and experience, when linked with the vision of Canaan Worship Center will create beneficial results. As the inspiration for the academy, my efforts extend beyond academia and athleticism. I continue to work tirelessly to instill a sense of pride, build community awareness, and motivate students to set and achieve higher academic, personal and professional standards.

My past work experiences have enabled me to gain the necessary skills required to be successful in the position as the developer and inspiration for the program. I earned a Master of Arts in Adult Education specializing in Adult Education and Training in August 2008. I have over eight years of experience as a Women's Head Assistant Coach on the college level; and currently serving as the Head Women's Basketball coach at Penn Valley Community College. As a coach and instructor I have mentored 20 students and trained over 45 student-athletes who entered Division I, NAIA and Junior College programs.

I have demonstrated my ability to motivate students through life-skills, leadership strategies, and effective communication. I am very excited about the opportunity to lead the Bridge Leadership program, which will allow me to expand my career and make meaningful contributions to an exceptional generation of students, families and community.

I am personally and professionally driven to ensure the success of students that will participate in the Bridge Leadership Academy program. I am confident I will surpass all expectations and make substantial contributions. I welcome the opportunity to meet with you to further discuss how we can work together to help rebuild our families, communities and workforce. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wakisha Briggs".

Wakisha S. Briggs

President

Bridge Leadership Academy

Email: kbriggs@bridgeleadershipacademy.com

BRIDGE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY, INC.
EXECUTIVE TEAM

Wakisha Briggs, MAED

President

Email: kbriggs@bridgeleadershipacademy.com



Ms. Briggs currently serves as a Director of Continuing Education at Park University. As a leader, she has been an advocate for reconditioning the way society views education and life. She is the designer and inspiration for the implementation of the Bridge Leadership Academy, Inc. Ms. Briggs works with a team of higher education developers who provide non-transitional educational services to adolescents and non-traditional students. She earned her Master's degree from the University of Phoenix and her Bachelor's degree from the University of Kansas City Missouri. Ms. Briggs has been a college basketball coach for over 10 years; coaching male and female student athletes' since 1998 where she began her career at Penn Valley Community College. Along with her partner Clyde Harvey, Sr., she help developed a basketball training and leadership program called Shooters Touch20 Academy, which successfully places student athletes at some of the nation's leading universities. Currently she resides in Kansas City, Missouri and is a member of National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the American Council for Higher Education (ACHE).

Special Projects:

Head Women's Coach
Penn Valley Community College
Currently

Black Legislative Caucus
Special Attendee from Governor Nixon's Office
2010 Convention

National and Regional Award
Exceptional Program

Urban League Kansas City, Missouri ACT Preparation Workshop;
2007-2008
2008-2009

Kansas City Kansas Foundation for Excellence
Life after Athletics Symposium
2007-2008

Park University
Coordinated Superintendent Symposiums
2007-2008
2008-2009

Kim M. Smith, MAED/CI

Program Director

Email: ksmith@bridgeleadershipacademy.com

Phone: 816-442-4703



Mrs. Smith currently serves as a Senior Career Advisor and Adjunct Professor who teaches Critical Thinking and Problem Solving and Career Development courses for a proprietary university in Kansas City, Missouri. For over 20 years, Kim has held roles in enrollment management, academics and career services departments. Mrs. Smith's passion is in college teaching, career and academic advising, training and development. As a student advocate, she remains grounded in the philosophy that all students can learn and achieve their goals and supports the student's freedom to explore options and look beyond the obvious. Mrs. Smith assisted in the development, implementation and training of a faculty advising program and developed a faculty advising handbook, web page and advisor protocols. Mrs. Smith has facilitated Time Management Strategies and Academic Advising workshops and published a web-based article entitled "Tips for Juggling the Classroom, Family Room and Conference Room." Mrs. Smith earned a Master of Arts in Education Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Phoenix, a Bachelor of Science in Technical Management from DeVry University

and an Associate of Arts from Longview Community College. Mrs. Smith resides in Raymore, Missouri and is a member of the National Association of College and Employers (NACE) and a former member of the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA).



(BLA) Executive Team Contact Information

Name	Phone Number	Email Address	Position
Wakisha Briggs	816-442-4703	Kbriggs@bridgeleadershipacademy.com	Board Member
Shelly Weatherford	913-663-3860	Shelly.weatherford@sci-us.com	Board Member
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Our Mission

The mission of The Bridge Leadership Academy (Bridge) is to inspire and develop forward-thinking progressive young leaders through character-based development, educational, personal and professional discovery and a commitment to serve the community.

Organizational History and Background

The Bridge Leadership Academy is a community-led youth leadership empowerment program that works in collaboration with Kansas City metropolitan school districts, community-based organizations and corporations to provide educational and leadership development programs for predominately at-risk inner city youth who are primarily low-income and minority of both genders, ages 12 to 16 years old. Both as an agency and through our individual administrators, Bridge has extensive experience providing youth programs. While being a relatively new organization, the Bridge leadership team has over 30 years of experience in education and student development.

Bridge Leadership Academy was founded by Wakisha Briggs. Ms. Briggs currently serves as the President of the Board of Directors. Ms. Briggs has a Master of Arts in Adult Education and is the Director of Continuing Education for Park University. She is also the Women's Head Basketball Coach at Penn Valley Community College. As a leader, she has been an advocate for reconditioning the way society views education and life. She is joined in her mission by a board of directors of dedicated professionals that are also co-founders of the organization (see attached Board list).

Serving our Community: Previous Projects

For the past two years, the Bridge Leadership Academy has worked in collaboration with the Greater Kansas City Boys and Girls Club, Rockhurst University Community Center, The City of Kansas City, Engage KC Youth program, and the University of Missouri- Kansas City to facilitate leadership and life-skills workshops to over 100 students in the Metropolitan area.

Why Bridge Needs the Donation of the Building

Bridge is seeking the donation of the property located at 10521 Blue Ridge Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri, 64134 from the Land Trust of Jackson County, Missouri for the purpose of implementing our South

Kansas City Bridge Leadership Academy Outreach Center. The Bridge program will provide innovative multi-dimensional supplemental education services to students from the Hickman School District who are primarily identified as at risk, minority, low income and potential first generation college students. Bridge will provide a variety of proven approaches for improving educational and skill competencies to increase each student's grade level in reading, math, science and other basic skills. Further, our aim is to provide preparation for post-secondary educational opportunities to students from the Hickman School District. The Bridge program integrates emerging Internet technology with traditional service delivery practices. Services will include, but are not limited to: assessment, career and personal coaching, educational workshops, hands-on computer literacy training, guidance on secondary school re-entry or entry into GED programs, and assistance in completing institutional admissions and financial aid applications. Instruction is provided through face-to-face interaction, small group and collaborative learning platforms. Additionally, the program will provide character-based development through peer mentoring, educational workshops, community service projects, and social activities. We provide youth with the skills necessary not only to stay in school, but to excel in all areas of their lives.

Problem Statement and Population Served

In Kansas City metropolitan area schools, more than 40 percent of students fail to graduate from high school on time and the dropout rates are disproportionately higher for minority and low-income students. "The number one predictor of a young person's future success is whether they graduate from high school," said Alma Powell, Chair of America's Promise. "Research shows that young people who drop out are more likely to be incarcerated, rely on public programs and social services and go without health insurance." It is estimated that increasing graduation rates by 10 percentage points would prevent 25 murders and 1,700 aggravated assaults in Kansas City alone.¹ Bridge leadership believes there are no simplistic answers because the obstacles inner-city, at risk youth must overcome are both many and formidable. We believe there must be a concentrated effort applied to each young person if they are to succeed. The Bridge Leadership program focuses on fundamental keys to each student's success — academics, social skills development, character education and community service.

¹ Kansas and Missouri report: <http://www.fightcrime.org/reports/fcik-dropout-mo-kan.pdf>

Programming Solutions

Our goal is to introduce life skills competencies that allow low-income, at risk students to apply critical thinking skills and mature judgment, tolerate ambiguity, build intellectual curiosity, work collaboratively to achieve personal and team goals, communicate effectively and successfully transition into post-secondary educational environments. Through leadership, empowerment, commitment, and an integrated blended learning approach, the Bridge Leadership Academy fosters future leaders who will make meaningful contributions to society.

Determining Success: Benefits to the Neighborhood and General Public

It is anticipated Bridge Leadership program youth will graduate from high school and attend a post-secondary institution. Additionally, they will have higher class attendance, increased academic and social skills and a greater sense of self-worth. We anticipate Bridge youth will be more actively involved in their communities and will become life-long learners and volunteers. Additionally, Bridge student participants will be less likely to become involved in risky behaviors. They will be less likely to use marijuana or other drugs, drink alcohol, smoke cigarettes and engage in premature sexual activity.

We will provide quantitative information critical to the evaluation process, including: the number of youth served by age, race, sex, and academic standing, the number of youth that complete the Bridge program, graduate from high school and attend a post-secondary institution. We will also provide information on the demonstrated impact of the project on the youth's quality of life.

Sustainability

Bridge will sustain and expand its programs by pursuing supporters that share the vision, and have the means and desire to aid these youth who currently have few or no resources of their own. Both separately and through collaboration with our partner agencies, Bridge will aggressively pursue all appropriate sources of funding, including federal grants, private foundations, and corporate contributions.

Funding Resources

Bridge leadership is actively seeking funding partnerships from a variety of private and public sources. The following companies are providing resources, volunteers and in-kind donations to support this project.

Company	Service	Funding
Hot103 Jamz	Marketing and advertising	In-kind
Park University	Donation of computers	In-kind
Jim's Disposal	Debris removal from property	In-kind
Superior Bowen Asphalt	Resurface existing pavement	In-kind
General Contractor and Motorcycle Club	Debris removal from property	In-kind
HomeDepot	Renovation materials (interior) and landscaping	In-kind
Mabrie Enterprise	Reconstruction (rear exterior)	In-kind

- 2012-2013 Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP): submitting application
- 2012 -2013 Youth Opportunities Program (YOP): submitting application

Conclusion

We look forward to your favorable consideration of our request, which will enable us to expand and enhance our current programming to improve the lives of our youth. If you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at 816-442-4703. Thank you for your time.



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Marjorie Williams, Ed.D.
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May 2, 2012

Dear Ms. McIntrye,

I write this letter of support for the Bridge Leadership Academy, Incorporated. The Bridge Leadership Academy is a community-led youth leadership and empowerment program, which seeks to establish a collaborative alliance with the Hickman Mills C-1 School District, community based organizations and corporations to create educational and leadership development programs for at-risk students.

The Bridge Leadership Academy is aligned with the Hickman Mills C-1 School District's Development Plan. We applaud the Bridge Leadership Academy's efforts of recognizing the force children maintain in their community and the powerful opportunities available to benefit and improve their lives. We believe that when children are encouraged they are more likely to be academically successful. With the Bridge Leadership being located across from Hickman Mills Jr. High School this will provide equal access for all students and will be instrumental in serving over 100 students a year.

Furthermore, I know with the after school program offering tutoring and mentoring, students will be encouraged to complete secondary and postsecondary courses and will be an excellent resource for our school district and community.

On behalf of the Hickman Mills C-1 School District, we offer unwavering support for the Bridge Leadership Academy and are pleased to submit this letter of endorsement to the Land Trust of Jackson County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marjorie Williams".

Dr. Marjorie Williams, Superintendent
Hickman Mills C-1 School District

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Dear Ms. McIntyre,

As the Assistant Commissioner of Administration for the Office of Administration, an executive branch of the State of Missouri, I am offering this letter of support for the proposal that Bridge Leadership Academy, Inc. (BLA) has submitted to the Land Trust of Jackson County.

I believe the BLA project will have a positive influence and lifelong impact on at-risk, low-income and disadvantaged youth in the Kansas City, Missouri area.

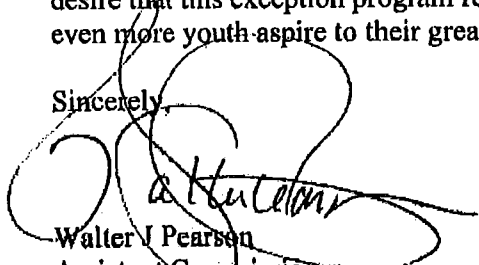
I understand the overarching objective of the BLA is to provide a leadership program that develops forward-thinking progressive young leaders through character-based development, community service and educational, personal and professional discovery. Furthermore, I understand the BLA program provides after-school tutoring, and encourages youth to complete secondary school and enroll in postsecondary education.

To continue BLA's positive work to ensure the success of our youth, I wholeheartedly support the continuance of this important program geared toward empowering our nation's future leaders. As a Kansas City native, I understand the urgency of this program and the positive benefits it can provide for at-risk youth.

As a youth mentor, I find leadership programs such as BLA to be life-changing experiences for at-risk youth. I am looking forward to working with BLA in meeting our common goals of assisting many more youth to improve academically, socially and developmentally.

Please accept this letter as a strong endorsement of the Bridge Leadership Academy and my desire that this exception program receive the funding it needs to continue its mission of helping even more youth aspire to their greatest potential.

Sincerely,



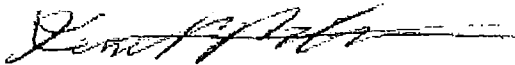
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To: Whom It May Concern
From: Kenneth Mabrie
Re: 10521 Blue Ridge Blvd

Mabrie Enterprises, LLC is willing to assist Bridge Leadership Academy in the renovation of 10521 Blue Ridge Blvd as office and meeting space to help them in their efforts to mentor and grow young minds in the Kansas City area in a positive direction.



Kenneth Mabrie, President

April 11, 2012

Amelia McIntyre
Assistant City Attorney
414 East 12th Street
Kansas City, MO 64106

Dear Ms. McIntyre,

I am pleased to write in support of the Bridge Leadership Academy, Inc. The Bridge Leadership Academy is a community-led youth leadership and empowerment program, which seeks to establish a collaborative alliance with Metropolitan school districts, community-based organizations and corporations to create educational and leadership development programs for at-risk students.

The Bridge Leadership Academy held a 6-week program with 10 – 15 Junior Academy Teens from the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Kansas City, Thornberry Unit. The program was geared toward character, leadership, education and career development. The program was set to have each student look into their selves and find the positive leader from within. Each young person learned that good leaders know their positive traits as well as their flaws. It empowered them to be strong leaders among their peers and within their communities, as well as, provided the foundation necessary to become future leaders of tomorrow.

The Bridge Leadership Academy was a great success and the youth gained valuable information as well as helpful skills on how to be a positive and effective leader. I support The Bridge Leadership Academy and all of its endeavors and it is my hope that you find favor on their program to continue the outreach so richly needed within our communities.

Sincerely,

Penney L. King
VP of Operations
Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Kansas City



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WELCOME

The Bridge Leadership team would like to give a special thanks to The Black Community Fund for their charitable donation. The Bridge Leadership Academy is a community-led youth leadership empowerment program, which seeks to establish a collaborative alliance with Metropolitan school districts, community-based organizations and corporations to create educational and leadership development programs for at-risk students.

ENSURING THE SUCCESS OF OUR YOUTH

The Bridge Leadership Academy has an unwavering commitment to ensuring the success of our youth and future leaders of America. Our goal is to introduce life skills competencies that allow scholars to apply critical thinking skills and mature judgment, tolerance of ambiguity, build intellectual curiosity, work collaboratively to achieve personal and team goals, communicate effectively and successfully transition into post-secondary educational environments. Through leadership, empowerment, commitment, and an integrated blended learning approach, the Bridge Leadership Academy will foster future leaders who will make meaningful contributions to society.

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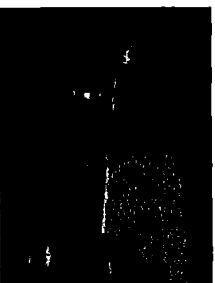
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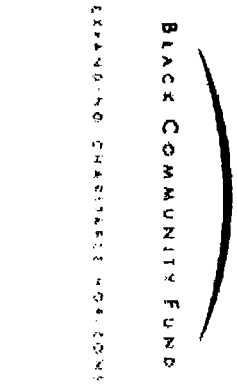
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