

# USA ANTI-POVERTY INSTITUTE



## COMMISSION

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**The Commissioners, University St. Augustine's Anti-Poverty Institute  
(USA Anti-Poverty Institute)**

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

**The Cathedral St. Augustine's Human Services Ministry in alliance with the University St. Augustine's,**

**The College of Agricultural Science established the "Anti-Poverty Institute" that advocates the elimination of poverty in rural and urban communities and encourages Leadership, Scholarship and Education.**

**The USA Anti-Poverty Institute in alliance with faith based organizations throughout the Nation, and Internationally strives to provide universal success and prosperity.**

**The USA Anti-Poverty Institute invests in and collaborates with local and national organizations that effectively create opportunities and contribute toward our vision of eliminating the vestiges of disparities, oppression, poverty, exclusion, inequities and disenfranchisement in a manner that will enable populations to thrive and prevail as self-sufficient and become positive contributors of society within communities.**

**In the midst of the COVID Crisis, in response to the National Emergency Declaration, a 10 - Point Scope of Services has been designed to accomplish goals to eliminate poverty.**

## INTRODUCTION

Consistent with the Cathedral St. Augustine's Human Services Ministries, USA Anti-Poverty Institute Farmers Markets also known as Food Pantries established within rural and urban areas throughout the DRA, creating "Food Secure Hub's" in response to the COVID Crisis, shall be extended.

Essentially, The USA Anti-Poverty Institute sanctions parity that ensures "the gifts of humanity"..... *opportunity*.

The Sustainable Objectives of our Ministry embraces the realization of a "10 - Point Solution.

## **“A 10 - POINT SOLUTION”**

I. Creating "Food Secure HUB's" to be known as "Farmer's Market" whereby products provided via the current CARES Act Farmers To Families Food Distribution Program will serve as a staple in the elimination of Food Insecurities within Opportunity Zones.

II. The USDA SNAP Food Program and USDA Commodity Program will complement concepts of the "Farmer's Market" to provide nutritional products that provide carbohydrates that have the capacity to control and preserve health status.

The Food Products include Fresh Fruits and Vegetables, Pre-Cooked Meats, and Dairy Boxes. The SNAP products provide required protein and carbohydrates. Thus, the primary and secondary component of a "10 Point Solution" that embraces concepts in the elimination of Poverty.

III. Cathedral St. Augustine's shall implement a "TeleMedicine Program"; Designed to diagnose COVID symptoms, and other underlying conditions, and provide a treatment modality of those disease conditions. Highly qualified medical and allied health professionals shall have authority to administer and manage the TeleMedicine component of this initiative.

St. Augustine's shall expedite the installation of Infrastructure to ensure that the most vulnerable people and communities are able to build resilience.

This shall be done consistent with standards of practice recognized in the industry. Including practices that include the following.

- ❖ Nutritional Education advocating nutrition and culinary arts education sessions promoting the elimination of obesity
- ❖ Nutrition Orientation Sessions shall include segments on how to prepare nutritional foods, with instructions on how to grow a home garden, and how to canned certain Fruits and Vegetables.
- ❖ COVID safety education sessions, and include FREE COVID testing prior to starting school; K-12 and Higher Education, a critical component to prevention of certain chronic disease conditions.

IV. The St. Augustine's Institute shall present "Eco-friendly farming techniques" that advocate climate-smart agriculture preserve vital topsoil, allowing land to recover from degradation, and better adapt to extreme weather.

An entry to "AI" Technologies applications that advocate clean environment, and entry level job skills for professional careers in Agriculture.

## **V. "INCREASE ACCESS TO EDUCATION"**

"According to federal stats, if all students in low-income countries had just basic reading skills, an estimated millions of people could escape extreme poverty. St. Augustine's in collaboration with K-12 School Districts, Coahoma Community College, the Department of Labor, St. Augustine's Institutes shall design and implement a program of study that advocates completion of secondary education, intellectual development, and a commitment to public services.

**A phenomenon that has the capacity to impact the global poverty rate by more than half.**

**St. Augustine's advocates introduction of entry level Education Development skills and abilities, as a means to correct some of the imbalances that come out of marginalization, and decreases both risk and vulnerability of Citizens in rural MS communities.**

**This may be accomplished consistent with concepts in "Dual Education Certification (Grades 8 - 12), in alliance with "Co-op Education", "Internships", and "Trade Apprenticeships".**

**Thus, Youth 14 and older shall be paid a Stipend while learning a skill. Adults, Citizens ages 55 Years and older, may participate in the Internships, and Trade Apprenticeships program that St. Augustine's Institutes offers in alliance with Accredited Institutions of Higher Education, and the Department of Labor.**

**VI. Eviction Diversion Program Initiative.**

**In alliance with CARES Act Cathedral St. Augustine's Anti-Poverty Institute shall implement and administer the Rent and Mortgage Diversion Program as a measure to avert eviction of Citizens from residences.**

**VII. Clara's Table shall expedite the preparation, management and distribution of School Lunch Programs. Preparing and packaging nutritional meals for distribution to School Districts and distribution to students Grades K-12.**

**VIII. MS Crisis Foundation and Clara's Table in alliance with Farming Vendors shall purchase Fresh Fruits, Vegetables, Dairy, Pre-Cooked Meats for use in preparation of 3 Types of "Family Food Boxes" that are consistent with cultural needs of community served.**

**IX. Clara's Table and MS Crisis Foundation shall lease 7 - 18 Ft Trailer Trucks for use in distribution of Family Food Boxes Prepared for distribution within 22 South MS rural Counties 5 Northern MS rural Counties, and 5 TN Shelby County Opportunity Zones.**

**X. Clara's Table and MS Crisis Foundation shall collaborate with Cathedral St. Augustine's Community Development Corporation, Anti-Poverty Institute and Food Bank to expedite the delivery of Family Food Boxes to Citizens residing in rural MS communities classified as Food Insecure Opportunity Zones.**

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### HIGHLIGHTS

St. Aug's Food Bank shall provide fresh produce and fruits, meat and dairy products to Families with Children, Disabled Seniors, and Disabled Veterans Single Women and Men that have been impacted financially due to the COVID Crisis.

Relying on the intelligences, capabilities of Citizens on the local level, St. Augustine has compassion and is on a course to redirect priorities of the Nation in a manner that will enable a population to become self-sufficient. The population served include citizens residing in designated areas; Opportunity Zones deemed to be "Food Insecure" and disenfranchised.

Providing Families with Children Disabled Veterans, and Disabled Seniors with Rental and Lease Payment Assistance, Tax Payment Assistance sufficient to establish a payment plan, and Utility Payment Deposits including Electric, Heating, Water and Sewage. In alliance with DHS, OLHSA and MS & TN Eviction Diversion Program. An initiative designed to avert homelessness of Families and Children.

In alliance with Local Shelter Programs, St. Augustine's Community Development Corporation (St. Augustine's CDC) is committed to assist Families with Children displaced due to Home Foreclosures, locate *permanent affordable single family housing*. Endeavoring to restore wealth associated with Homeownership, dismantled 2008/2009.

St. Augustine's CDC is committed to providing housing assistance as follows:

- ❖ Assist 15 Families comprising a minimum of 3-4 members; 1-2 Adult 2-3 children obtain a 3 - Bedroom Home as permanent housing.
- ❖ Assist 100 Disabled Veterans to locate affordable housing for residency including Supportive Medical Services via TeleMedicine Services.
- ❖ Restore a 105,000+ square ft commercial property to enable expansion of services within MS to establish a Farmer's Market.  
Renovations to include, mold remediation, structural renovations to Code & Issuance of Certificate of Occupancy.  
Landscaping included installation of beautiful Gardens, Trees, Irrigation System, Fencing. Homeland Security System - State of the Art - Anti Terrorism and Protocols to protect IT Data Systems.
- ❖ Develop a mixed-use development in TN including upscale retail, a 25 Units Affordable Housing Guest House, pre-development of 125 Affordable Single Family Housing, and Golf Course.

- ❖ The Citizens beneficiaries of the segment include the following.
  - a). Disabled Veterans
  - b). Seniors
  - c). International Student Housing
- ❖ Installation of IT Private Broadcast Network to enable BroadBand Connectivity; 5G Network Capacity.

COVID 19 - "Community Pledge"

- ❖ A progressive Outreach Initiative that is committed to provide 100 Small Business with PPE's consistent with CDC Protocol; Mask, Gloves, Sanitizers, Thermometers and COVID Safety Precaution, Orientation, and Continuing Education Certification.

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| ❖ masks                                      | ❖ plexiglass       |
| ❖ gloves                                     | ❖ UV lights/wands  |
| ❖ hand soap                                  | ❖ COVID-19 Testing |
| ❖ hand sanitizer                             |                    |
| ❖ cleaning supplies<br>(sanitizing products) |                    |

- ❖ Telemedicine Service Center - Established in alliance with the USA-Institute of Medicine. A decentralized Clinical Trial Medical Assessment Services actualized in alliance with the Physicians, Credentialed and Nurses, Infusion Nurse Specialist.

Featuring a Distance Test Center and Pre-screening Center, and Infusion Services.

The University St. Augustine's Institutes of Medicine advocates establishment of the "TeleMed Center" in alliance with renowned National Health Care Institutions; NIH, DMC, Johns Hopkin.

- ❖ Portable Vital Machines
- ❖ Electronic Medical Records
- ❖ COVID Test Center
- ❖ Infusion Services

- ❖ Administration of the Center shall be in alliance with qualified medical, nursing and allied health professionals that have the capacity to evaluate DM, HPN and other anomalies deemed to pre-disposition Minority Cultures as "At-Risk" of contracting COVID-19, and provide appropriate referral services, accordingly. NO Treatments.
- ❖ Prescription Payment Assistance shall be provided via "Voucher Services in alliance the Customer Care Division of reputable Pharmaceutical Companies.

## Summer CampUS

A Cooperative Program established to serve Children and Youth; Ages 5 - 18.

Under the Auspices of Hollywood Golf Institute, and renowned PGA Golf Professionals, Virtual Golf Lessons, Jr Baseball, and Cooperative Work Study Program.

Youth and Children shall receive instruction in the "Art of Golfing" .

A 6 Week Program of Study that provides Instructions in PGA Golf in alliance with the local Golf Clubs, and St. Augustine's Institutes.

## University Colleges; Institutes, Dual Education ~ Cooperatives, Apprenticeships & Internships

Upon achievement of Certification, 50 Youth ages 14 - 18 shall have the opportunity to earn an income during the Summer; 10 Hours Weekly, Minimum Wage upon placement with St. Augustine's Partners; Local and National Corporations.

Youth shall be issued a "iPad - Device" with a 1 Year Subscription for Broadband Connectivity for educational purposes upon enrollment into the Summer CampUS.

## University Colleges; SCSEP Training ~ Institutes, Cooperatives, Apprenticeships & Internships

### ❖ Senior Community Services Employment Program (SCSEP) \*

In alliance with the U.S. Department of Labor, an innovative training program advocating training of 140 Adults, ages 55 and older to acquire entry level job skills in paraprofessional career programs that include the following.

Pre-Nursing and Allied Health

Hospitality Management Tourism

Business Administration

Transportation Services

Pre-Mortuary Sciences

AI - Agriculture Sciences

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Horticulture Services

School - Resource Services Officers

Cadet - Resources Services Officers

\*SCSEP Associate Trainees, qualified work for 20 hours per week earning minimum wage.

The Pre - Gold Industry; “40 Acres and a Tracker”

An initiative with local Churches that advocates the creation of Farmers Market at The Stadium.

