



Kids4Kids Garden of Eden Entrepreneurial Institute

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Introduction

Kids4Kids Entrepreneurial Institute Goal

The goal of the Kids4Kids Entrepreneurial Institute is to offer programs, which promotes academic success, community building, and economic development for the benefit of children, parents, and their communities in Grand Bahama.



Kids4Kids Entrepreneurial Institute. . . Whose *Vision*?

This Institute is the vision of Grand Bahama Community Builders Club (GBCBC). GBCBC has established an operational structure that offers entrepreneurial and education programs, which makes use of performing arts involving various aspects of music, dance, drama, and singing, as well as, skills-based training aimed at developing future entrepreneurs.



GBCBC

Our Approach to Development . . .

GBCBC uses a dramatic interactive diversity training approach or method aimed at developing character and community building skills among a significantly large number of youth and their parents; this will expectedly aid in transforming Grand Bahama to become a model city of virtue and understanding among culturally different people.

Entrepreneurial Institute Project:

Kids for Kids Garden of Eden

- ◆ The Kids4Kids Garden of Eden project is an Inclusive Community Building (ICB) entrepreneurial project aimed at growing wealth for participants.
- ◆ The goal of this project is to promote inclusive community building and character development in the process of training kids to become future entrepreneurs.
- ◆ Through mentoring, the GBCBC will develop kids to become future entrepreneurs using ICB principles.





What makes this Project unique?

As with all programs of the Kids4Kids Entrepreneurial Institute, the uniqueness of this “Garden of Eden” project is that it uses The Ellison Inclusive Community Building Mentoring Model (TEM) as a starting point. The Ellison Model fosters core values: caring, sharing, loving, trust, honor and respect to teach character building.

More on The Garden of Eden . . .



- ◆ The gardening project will complement the parking lot work of a local church, who has agreed to dedicate an unused portion of their parking grounds for use of this gardening project.
- ◆ Together with their adult mentor, kids will transform the open land into a Garden of Eden, consisting of plants and flowers native to the Bahamas.

You can find it in the Garden. . .



The Garden of Eden project will provide:

- 1) Jobs for kids, as well as business opportunities for adults who will serve as their mentors;
- 2) Inclusive community building and character development training;
- 3) Education in areas of principles of business knowledge and management;
- 4) Evidence of advanced learning through innovative content-based curriculum and effective teaching surrounding Gardening Project.

Public Event opportunities. . .



- ◆ The Garden of Eden will likely become one of the Island's most visited sites, attracting tourists, as well as locals, who will visit the Garden to learn about the Bahamian native plants and flowers, and simply enjoy the aura and beauty of the Garden.
- ◆ Gazebos, to be used for special events, such as weddings, birthday parties, community fests, and concerts, will add to the splendor of the Garden.

Into the Schools . . .



- ◆ Schools will provide fieldtrips to the Garden, where students will not only learn about Bahamian flora, but also the Inclusive Community Building approach.
- ◆ *The Horticulture Institute of Grand Bahama*: Students who show inclination toward the discipline of botany and general horticulture may be recommended to participate in The Horticulture Institute of Grand Bahama.
- ◆ These students will receive specialized instruction surrounding botanical, horticulture and gardening themes, which will be used to develop an integrated curriculum, including content areas of science, language, math, humanities, and other subjects.
- ◆ This innovative curriculum will allow students to learn within the context of their native environment.



Cultivating Garden Businesses. . .

- ◆ The Garden project will provide opportunity for GBCBC members to grow wealth.
- ◆ Additionally, kids will learn from their adult mentors technical and business knowledge necessary for Events Planning.
- ◆ Kids will serve as mentees to their mentors as they learn trades and eventually mentors to other kids.



The Kids of Kids Garden of Eden Project
Part # 2



Summary of How to Proceed . . .

- ◆ GBCBC will partner with The Church of Christ Apostolic Non-denomination for use of a portion of its land toward development of Kids4Kids Garden of Eden project.
- ◆ The GBCBC will then further its relations with Urban Renewal and or other governmental, private, and religious groups to establish the project as a community-wide initiative.
- ◆ The GBCBC will research grant possibilities to aid in the development work.

GBCBC as Business Men/Women . . .



- ◆ A major goal of The Garden of Eden Project is to create business opportunities for GBCBC members, who may likely have interests in such and/or skills in such areas as: *Event Planning, Catering, Audio/Visual and Gardening.*
- ◆ As the GBCBC members learn and fine-tune these skills via their participation in the project, some will expectedly then take these skills, and venture into small businesses.
- ◆ This will also provide learning and job opportunities for their mentees as they receive training in areas of Advanced Business and Management.

Nurturing and Proving Time . . .



- ◆ GBCBC members who venture into business opportunities will do so as **franchisees** of the GBCBC for a 5 year period.
- ◆ This is the **nurturing period**, where **franchisees will**: 1) learn and develop effective business practices; and 2) **prove** themselves as being of good character before venturing out as independent business owners.
- ◆ The exact terms of the “contractual” relationship will have to be determined.

Using What We Have . . .

- ◆ The GBCBC, in its personal commitment to the project, will not wait for outside assistance to begin this initiative.
- ◆ Instead, GBCBC will begin raising funds via investments by GBCBC members.
- ◆ In cases where GBCBC members lack capital to invest in the project, they may be able to earn shares via sweat equity, or others with capital may choose to stake them.
- ◆ Through sweat equity or capital, members of the GBCBC will earn “shares” in the “corporation”.



Handwriting on the Wall . . .



- ◆ A memorial wall, perhaps several, will be erected and centrally located in the Garden to acknowledge those who have made monetary and/or sweat equity contributions to the Gardening project.
- ◆ The wall (s) will have brick pavers with the names of the contributors to the Project. The pavers will represent the shares owned by GBCBC for their sweat equity, and/or capital investments to the Garden of Eden.
- ◆ Individuals or organizations may also choose to purchase sections of the wall to further support the Gardening Project.



Summary. . .

The Kids4Kids Garden of Eden Entrepreneurial project, in keeping with the overall goal of The Kids4Kids Entrepreneurial Institute, seeks to grow wealth for GBCBC members while teaching Bahamian children and others skills to become successful business men and women with impeccable character, fostering inclusive community building within Bahamian society.