



AB Christian Learning Center

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March 10, 2008

Honorable Michael C. Burgess
Attention: Ms. Patricia Bostic
U.S. House Representative 26th District
1100 Circle Drive, Suite 230
Fort Worth, TX 76119

Dear Ms. Bostic:

Enclosed, please find a proposal for funding of the Stop Six Community Go Center which is located at 4500 E. Berry Street, Fort Worth 76105.

In a community partnership with Fort Worth Independent School District, Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce and the University of North Texas Health Science Center in an effort to increase graduation rates, post-secondary education and reduce poverty levels within the Stop Six, Fort Worth community, AB Christian Learning Center requests funding in the amount of \$96,600 to expand its operations. Attached is a copy of a proposal, including detailed budget items for the proposed funds.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at (817) 457-3911, (817) 614-6210 or email lburns@abchrist.org.

Sincerely,

Loretta Burns
Executive Director

Enclosure:
Grant Submission

FISCAL YEAR 2009 APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS

GENERAL QUESTIONNAIRE -- REP. Michael Burgess (TX-26)

Must be completed and submitted NO LATER than COB March 7, 2008

Please submit completed questionnaire to josh.martin@mail.house.gov

PLEASE NOTE: ALL REQUESTS MUST INCLUDE A FORMAL LETTER OF REQUEST ON OFFICIAL LETTERHEAD EXPLAINING THE PROJECT. THIS QUESTIONNAIRE SHOULD ACCOMPANY, NOT REPLACE, A FORMAL LETTER OF REQUEST AND ANY OTHER QUESTIONNAIRE

I. PROJECT BACKGROUND & PURPOSE

1. Please provide a formal name for this project:

Stop Six Community Go Center

2. Please describe the project and its purpose:

In conjunction with Fort Worth Independent School District (FWISD), Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce, Texas Higher Education Board and the University of North Texas Health Science Center, the AB Christian Learning Center (ABCLC) has developed a model program as part of the State's "Closing the Gaps Initiative" to assist in increasing graduation rates of high school students who reside within the targeted Stop Six Community of Fort Worth.

Stop Six includes zip codes 76105, 76119 and is bordered by 76112. The Stop Six Community Go Center targets students who attend Dunbar, Polytechnic, OD Wyatt and Eastern Hills High Schools. It should be noted that three of the four aforementioned schools are rated as "academically unacceptable" by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and data compiled indicate that these schools in most categories, ranked lowest for high school completion when compared to others in FWISD. The Stop Six Community Go Center endeavors to provide a safe environment in which students can explore higher education and career options, financial aid resources, apply for scholarships and receive counseling services to assist in facilitating a seamless transition from high school to college.

Based on the Center's past operations, it is projected that approximately 360 students, some with duplicate visits, ranging in grades 9-12 will be assisted through this community collaboration. In accordance with the attached letter of support from UNTHSC, it will provide college mentors to carry out the scope of this program, under the supervision of the Executive Director and Academic advisor. The program is operational Monday – Thursday from 3 – 6 p.m., and Saturday from noon – 6 pm, with expanded summer hours, three days a week from noon – 6 p.m. The ABCLC's Executive Director will conduct outreach activities and day-to-day operations, while the Center will be staffed at all times by an accredited/certified Academic Advisor. Student logs and individual follow-up profiles will be kept and reconciled to track the effectiveness of the program. Annual

comprehensive reports will be prepared and disseminated to stakeholders and interested parties and will reflect successful strategies as well as make necessary determinations as to those that require adjustment.

3. Please outline the project plan, including the finance plan:

In relation to the aforementioned project scope, matching dollars will be provided through sweat equity of the community partners and UNTHSC college mentors. Educational materials are donated by the Texas Higher Education Board. Computers and other hardware were provided through the U.S. General Services Administration "Computers for Learning Program". In terms of matching dollars this equates to approximately **\$38,000** in assets and resources. This funding request is made in the amount of \$96,600 to cover the costs of a part-time funded Executive Director/Grants Manager position, part-time Academic Advisor, provision of a part-time security guard, payment of facilities utilization, copier rental and other supplies.

II. BENEFIT TO THE 26th DISTRICT AND/OR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1. Please explain how this project will improve life, the economy or the general welfare of the 26th District and/or the country at-large. Please be specific (i.e. outline number of jobs created, savings to economy or taxpayers, improve national security):

In the Class of 2005 Dunbar, Eastern Hills, O D Wyatt, and Polytechnic High Schools incurred drop out rates of 8.0%, 10.3%, 11.8% and 13.2%, respectively. Based on information from the U.S. Census Bureau - 2005 Annual Social and Economic Supplement, Texas ranked number 50 in percentage of high school graduates with populations of 25 years of age or older and ranked 27 in terms of percentage of college graduates.

These numbers are staggering and have a detrimental effect on the overall Fort Worth economy whose poverty levels according to 1999 data in zip codes 76105, 76112 and 76119 were 29%, 14% and 24%, respectively as compared to a 12% poverty level for the entire state of Texas. Based on a study conducted by Harvard University it is believed that by addressing the drop out rate and increasing the number of students seeking post-secondary education, it is anticipated that their lifetime salaries will be \$800,000 more than those who dropped out of high school. Should the students choose to remain in the Fort Worth area after graduation and remain gainfully employed, they will assist significantly in contributing to reducing the poverty levels of the city.

Please explain why this project should be considered a priority:

This project is considered a priority because of the high incidence of drop outs in the aforementioned target areas. Students beginning in the 9th grade will be eligible to participate and will receive one-on-one academic and career counseling that long-term will potentially decrease the number of drop outs and be instrumental in increasing those who seek post secondary education. Indirectly, it is hoped that the ratings of each of the schools in the target area will increase substantially.

III. REQUEST

1. Amount of money you are requesting:

Total amount of federal funding requested is \$96,600.

2. Agency from which you are requesting funds:

Department of Education

3. Account from which you are requesting funds:

IV. FUNDING HISTORY

1. What is the total project cost and can you provide a federal-state/local-other funding breakdown?

Total project costs equate to \$ 134,600, that will be monetary or in-kind contributions.

Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce	\$ 5,000
Fort Worth Independent School District (FWISD)	\$ 5,000
University of North Texas Health Science Center (UNTHSC)	\$18,000
Department of Defense, (donated computers)	\$ 5,000
AB Christian Learning Center, Cash on hand	\$ 5,000

	\$38,000

2. Has the project ever received federal funds before? If so, please elaborate.

Federal funding has not been received previously, but has been provided through private community resources.

3. Has the project received state, local or private funds before? If so, please elaborate.

No.

4. Can you demonstrate a commitment for future funds from state, local, or private sectors? If so, please elaborate to the extent possible.

Please see attached letters of support. It is anticipated that the aforementioned community partners will contribute monetary and/or in-kind/volunteer services for the next two years.

5. How do you intend to spend federal funds for this project (operating, construction, studies, equipment purchase, salaries, other)?

This funding request is made in the amount of \$96,600 to cover the costs of a part-time funded Executive Director/Grants Manager position, part-time Academic Advisor, provision of a part-time security guard, payment of facilities utilization, copier rental and other supplies.

6. Does the project request stem from a currently-funded federal program (i.e., an already existing congressional authorization)? If so, please explain and be as specific as possible.

No.

V. PROJECT HISTORY

1. Please briefly explain the level of support for the project in the local and any other community (if letters of support exist, please attach to this form).

Please see attached letters of support.

2. Has the project encountered any objections within the local or other interested communities? If so, please describe (if letters or official records exist noting objections to the project, please attach to this form).

No, there has been widespread support for the project.

3. Please briefly explain the current stage and expected timeline of the project in a great a detail as possible.

The Stop Six Community Go Center Project was initiated January 23, 2008 and will continue for a period 5 years.

VI. CONTACTS

1. Who is the primary point of contact for the request?

Ms. Loretta Burns, Executive Director for AB Christian Learning Center

2. Contact information (telephone and e-mail):

Phone: 817.457.3911, Fax: 817.457.9556
Email Address: lburns@abchrist.org

3. Mailing address of entity that would receive the funding?

Ms. Loretta Burns, Executive Director
AB Christian Learning Center, (Stop Six Community Go Center)
5009 Brentwood Stair Rd., Suite #101
Fort Worth, TX 76112

In accordance with IRS 501(c)3, State of Texas Incorporation, and our correspondence. That address is:

AB Christian Learning Center
P. O. Box 54456
Hurst, Texas 76054

VII. TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

1. How much of this request can be spent in fiscal year 2009?

Not Applicable.

2. If this is a highway, transit, rail, or aviation request, did you check eligibility with the state DOT, FTA, FRA, or FAA?

Not Applicable.

2a. If yes, did the agency indicate the project is eligible under the account requested?

Not Applicable.

3. If this is an FHWA request, is the project considered by the state and/or regional transportation officials as critical to their needs?

Not Applicable.

4. If a highway request, is the project on the state's transportation improvement plan?

Not Applicable.

PRIORITY PROJECT REQUEST CRITERIA

CERTIFICATION:

I, Loretta Burns, ATTEST THAT THIS PROJECT REQUEST MADE ON BEHALF OF

Stop Six Community Go Center, MEETS THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

1. All appropriations requests must be a priority for the 26th District and/or the country-at large as defined as enhancing life, liberty, or the general welfare.
2. All requests must be a proper and wise use of federal taxpayer dollars and must be justified as such. Projects that include a commitment to match federal funds will receive priority consideration.
3. All requests will be immediately posted on the website and supporting documentation made available to press outlets and interested individuals.
4. None of the funding requested will be used for a building, program, or project that has been named for Congressman Michael C. Burgess, M.D. No request will be made that Congressman Burgess or his spouse has any financial interest.
5. All requests shall be made in accordance with House of Representatives rules, and within Appropriations Committee deadlines. No funding request will be submitted after the deadline established by the Committee

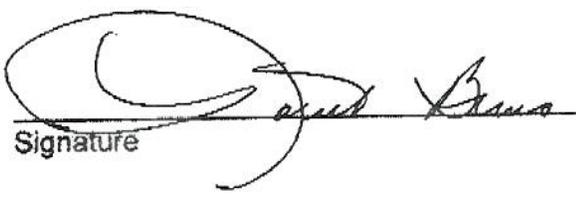
Name of person certifying: Loretta Burns

Title of person certifying: Executive Director

Project name as it will appear in the bill: Stop Six Community Go Center

Legal name of entity making request: AB Christian Learning Center

Address: Ms. Loretta Burns, Executive Director
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 Fort Worth, TX 76112

 _____ 3/10/08 _____
 Signature Date

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February 25, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written in strong support of AB Christian Learning Center (ABCLC) operation of a non-traditional Community GO Center at Stop Six Church of Christ. The Center will focus on effectively reaching out to families who normally would consider college to be out of reach and encourage families to pursue higher education for their children. ABCLC feels that families that do not take the time to attend the traditional GO Centers located in the school, will feel comfortable and take advantage of the opportunity if they can attend a GO Center located in a church, which is typically a more comfortable environment.

GO Centers provide a place equipped with computers where students can go online and access CollegeForTexans.com and other educational related websites. GO Centers promote students' completion of recommended high school program ensuring readiness for success in higher education and the workforce. Students and parents can explore career options, financial aid sources, and apply for scholarships and financial aid. Overall, the GO Centers provide assistance to secondary school students and parents who need academic and financial aid information to facilitate a seamless transition from high school to college. Go Centers are traditionally located in high schools and available to students during the school day.

The Office of Student Engagement and School Completion is confident that ABCLC's proposal demonstrates a community wide approach that will offer valuable services and benefits such as serving students from underrepresented populations, challenging students who might otherwise drop out of school, and preparing students to choose college or a meaningful career in a non traditional setting.

Building an already effective working relationship with the community, The Office of Student Engagement and School Completion enthusiastically endorses this proposal, and if funded, looks forward to working collaboratively with ABCLC and other community members to assure high school completion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danna Diaz Joseph". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Danna Diaz Joseph, PhD
Director



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February 20, 2008

Loretta Burns-Executive Director
AB Christian Learning Center
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Fort Worth, Texas 76112

Dear Loretta:

Congratulations on implementing the first non-traditional, faith-based GO Center in the state of Texas!

In 2001, the 77th Legislature adopted *Closing the Gaps*, a proactive plan designed in part to increase participation and success in higher education.

As a result, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board launched *College for Texans* in 2002 with the slogan "**Education. GO Get It.**" The goal of the campaign is to enroll 630,000 academically prepared students by 2015.

Part of the campaign strategy is reaching these students by building strong partnerships in communities.

As part of this grassroots network, GO Centers are being implemented in communities across the state to help recruit students into higher education. The *Closing the Gaps Initiative* is transitioning from a state initiative to a community initiative.

We are in the second year of an education initiative that began in fall 2006 with a community awareness program that included the Fort Worth Chamber, the Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber, the Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber, United Way of Tarrant County and its youth-serving affiliates, the Women's Policy Forum, Tarrant Area Community of Churches, and the Fort Worth League of Neighborhoods.

Engaging Community at Fort Worth ISD High School GO Centers works to build community awareness and engagement around high school graduation and college readiness with a goal of engaging more than 250 community leaders to share the message with others about the importance of ensuring all students finish high school and pursue some form of post-secondary education.

We applaud the AB Christian Learning Center and the Stop Six Church of Christ for taking the initiative and joining this important community effort with the first non-traditional, faith-based GO Center in the state of Texas.

Your commitment and dedication are demonstrated by recognizing the need and taking immediate action to ensure the Stop Six community has access to college prep/admission information. The accessibility and utilization of resources provided will give families hope and help them understand college is not impossible.

As a P-16 Field Specialist, I support and have oversight of all GO Centers in Education Service Center Region XI including the Community GO Center at Stop Six Church of Christ. In addition, the University of North Texas Health Science Center will partner with the Community GO Center by providing G-Force volunteers to mentor students and the Mobile GO Center, hosted by Tarrant County College, is available upon request to participate in community events.

The old adage, "it takes a village to raise a child" could not be truer than it is today. It takes all of us working together, to encourage students, their parents and the community in general about getting an education, creating a college going culture.

Your commitment, dedication and passion for the success of our students is greatly appreciated.

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February 19, 2008

Loretta Burns, Executive Director
AB Christian Learning Center
5009 Brentwood Stair Road #101
Fort Worth, TX 76112

Dear Mrs. Burns:

This is to confirm University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth's commitment to partner with AB Christian Learning Center to support a Community Go Center. As a partner in this effort, we will provide college mentors to work with high school students grades 9th through 12th at the Community Go Center at Stop Six Church of Christ. Our college mentors will assist students with researching careers, financial aid, and higher education options.

We look forward to working with your organization to help create and sustain a college-going culture within the Stop Six Community that prepares all students for the academic rigor and discipline needed to enter and successfully participate in college.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Kaman, JD, PhD
Associate Dean and Director of Outreach
UNTHSC

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GO Center Proposal Project Narrative

Background Information

House Bill 1, 79th Texas Legislature, is designed to address the issues of high school success and college-readiness. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), charged with adopting a comprehensive college-readiness and success strategic action plan, developed “Closing the Gaps by 2015” initiative. The initiative calls for an additional 630,000 students to enter post-secondary education by the year 2015. One of the goals of this initiative is to ensure that all students and their parents understand the benefits of higher education and the necessary steps to prepare academically and financially for college.

GO Centers provide a place equipped with computers where students can go online and access CollegeForTexans.com and other educational related websites. Go Centers promote students’ completion of recommended high school program ensuring readiness for success in higher education and the workforce. The student can meet mentors from colleges and consult with an academic advisor. Students and parents can explore career options, financial aid sources, and apply for scholarships and financial aid. Overall, the Go Centers provide assistance to high school students and parents who need academic and financial aid information to facilitate a seamless transition from high school to college. Go Centers are traditionally located in high schools and available only to 12th grade students during the school day.

AB Christian Learning Center (ABCLC) operates a non-traditional Community Go Center at Stop Six Church of Christ. Go Centers are currently located in schools, with their primary focus on reaching students. The Community Go Center at Stop Six focuses on effectively reaching out to families. Families often feel more comfortable in a Church environment, and it is our belief that the encouragement of the entire family leads to the successful pursuit of higher education. We target those families who normally consider college to be out of reach, but will take advantage of opportunities if they can attend a Go Center located in a Church. In addition, ABCLC reaches out to students and their families as early as 9th grade to instill the importance of completing high school, as well as obtaining a higher education.

Organization Information

ABCLC is a 501(c)3 non-profit community faith based organization (*Exhibit A*) incorporated in the State of Texas (*Exhibit B*). We operate the Community Go Center at Stop Six Church of Christ located at 4500 E. Berry Street, Ft. Worth Texas, located in the 76105 zip code. Although a majority of the Church’s membership commutes from other areas of the city and nearby suburbs, the Church has for over 40 years, been a benevolent neighbor by providing food, clothing, and other necessities to families in the community where it is located at no cost to those families. The Church is a well known neighbor and has an established trust with the people in the community.

Area Served

Stop Six is an area of Fort Worth Central City designated by the City as a Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ), eligible for development incentives (www.fortworthgov.org). Stop Six includes the 76105 and 76119 zip codes and is bordered by the 76112 zip code. The Community Go Center at Stop Six Church of Christ target students in this area with the greatest need and at risk of academic failure. The students we strive to serve include those attending Dunbar (76112), Polytechnic (76105), OD Wyatt (76119), and Eastern Hills (76112) High Schools. The statistics for these schools indicate their students are at a particular high risk for dropping outs. Three of the four schools, Polytechnic, Dunbar, and Eastern Hills, are rated as academically unacceptable by the Texas Education Agency (TEA). In addition, data compiled by TEA indicates that the schools are, in most categories, ranked lowest when compared to other schools in FWISD for high school completion. *(Exhibit C)*

Area Demographics – The target area has a Black or African American population more than triple the rate for the metropolitan area in which it’s located. The 2000 U.S. Census Bureau reported the following race composition by zip codes: *(Exhibit D)*

Race defined as Black or African American alone

Dallas Ft. Worth	14%
76105	50%
76112	47%
76119	55%

The target area is to a great extent economically depressed with poverty rates considerable higher than the rate for the State of Texas. The 2000 U.S. Census Bureau reported the following poverty levels in the 76105, 76112, and 76119 zip codes as compared to the State of Texas. *(Exhibit E)*

Income below Poverty Level in 1999

Texas	12%
76105	29%
76112	14%
76119	24%

Crime Rate – The target area is considered to be an at-risk area due to a high crime rate. On a scale of 1 to 10, the comparative violent crime rate for the area in 2006 is as follows:

Area	Violent Crime Rate	Property Crime Rate
United States	3	3
Texas	3	3
Ft. Worth 76105	7	7
Ft. Worth 76112	7	7
Ft. Worth 76119	7	7

The violent crime index represents the level of violent crime associated with the city. The crime index ranges from 1 to 10, with 1 representing a lower violent crime rate and 10 corresponding to a higher crime rate. The four types of offenses included in the crime index calculation are murder and non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault, all of which involve force or threat of force. (www.fbi.gov).

In comparison of violent crimes for 76105, 76112 and 76119 zip codes to the City of Fort Worth, the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) data reports the percentage in most categories more than double the City's rate of violent crime comparatively. (*Exhibit F*)

Marketing

ABCLC strategically place flyers (*Exhibit G*) in the local Boys and Girls Club, library, apartment complex offices, beauty, and barber shops. The center's Executive Director (ED) will conduct outreach activities, speaking to parents and community members providing detailed information about the Go Center. We provide information and materials to that segment of the community which is normally difficult to reach. By working with or through a faith-based organization, we believe we can increase the number of parents reached by more traditional means.

Operations Plan

The Community Go Center at Stop Six currently operates Monday through Thursday from 3 pm to 6 pm. We propose to expand our hours to include Saturdays from 12 noon to 6 pm during the academic school year to reach a larger number of students. During the summer months, the center proposes to operate three days a week 12 noon to 6 pm. The center will be staffed at all times with an academic advisor to assist students with academic planning. University of North Texas Health Science Center have student volunteers (G-Force students) specifically designated and trained to work in Go Centers assisting students. We will utilize the G-Force students to mentor and work with high school students on a daily basis. The Center assists students as early as 9th grade to provide an intervention strategy for high school completion. Each student is encouraged to visit the Go Center at least once each week.

We utilize a log for students to sign in each visit to the Go Center. (*Exhibit D*) This log will be used for tracking and reporting purposes. Each student that attends the Go Center is provided a pocket folder/portfolio and an academic planner with a college logo. Our academic advisor will work with these students to instill the importance of getting organized, keeping important college related materials together and keeping track of important dates, i.e. admissions deadlines, SAT, PSAT, and college orientations. We believe that establishing good organizational skills early will transcend into the habits needed to be successful in college. Each student is encouraged to bring their folder each visit to the Center. We will develop a follow-up profile to track and report on the success of each student participant of the Go Center. In addition ABCLC will develop a monthly report available to stakeholders and interested parties showing program utilization. A final comprehensive evaluation report will be prepared and disseminated at the end of the one year period of the project. The reports will address those strategies that were successful and make a determination as to continued operation with necessary adjustments.

In addition to the student Go Center, ABCLC will conduct a monthly parent meeting in the fellowship hall area provided by the Church. We believe that parental involvement is a critical component to the success of a child's education. By conducting meetings in a local community Go Center, we feel we can attract hard to reach parents and obtain their support in the academic and financial college preparation for their children. Parents will be provided a tour of the Go Center with a demonstration of the information available on-line. These monthly meetings will be designed to help parents understand the college process. In addition we will stress the importance of requirements and expectations for their students throughout high school. Parents will be provided step by step processes that will help their students prepare for college from grades 9th through 12th. As part of this process, we will provide detailed information on a recommended graduation plan, individual learning plan, PSAT dates, as well as SAT and/or ACT requirements. We will also provide tools and information necessary for parents to encourage and support their students.

Based on the number of visits during the first month of operation (12 visits), it is projected that we will serve an average of thirty (30) students per months with expanded Saturday hours of operation.

Equipment and Resources

The THECB has established guidelines for an ideal Go Center (*Exhibit I*). The Community Go Center at Stop Six is designed in accordance with this established model and is currently equipped as follows:

Six (6) Computers with;
Pentium IV
512mb RAM
60 GB hard drive
48 x CD-RW
Windows XP Professional Operating system
Microsoft Word
Adobe Software

Printers
Phone
Desks/tables and chairs

Princeton Review Books;
Princeton Review Guide to College Majors
Princeton Review Paying for College
Princeton Review Complete Book of Colleges
Princeton Review Winning Essays
9th Grade Handbook, Understanding High School
10th Grade Handbook, The College Path
11th Grade Handbook, The College Admission Process
12th Grade Handbook, Decision Time

In addition, brochures, booklets, posters and videos developed and provided by the THECB to help community-based organizations working with students and their families are available. The materials are designed to help students and their families learn how to prepare for college, and apply for college admission and financial aid.

The computers and printers are made available by ABCLC, and the Princeton Review Books are made available by Fort Worth Independent School District. A desktop copier is proposed to facilitate copy needs at the Go Center.

Personnel

ABCLC has a Board of Directors comprised of career educational professionals who are committed to improving the academic plight of our children. This organization realizes that the success of this project is crucial to improving this community and providing much needed assistance to its youth. We are committed to this project, as well as to a continuing effort to improve the plight of at-risk youth. *(Exhibit J)*

ABCLC's ED will serve as grant administrator and the principal contact and project director for the Go Center. The grant administrator will be responsible for project oversight, reporting, accounting and funds administration. The ED has considerable experience and training in federal grants, contracts, and procurement procedures. The ED also has extensive experience and training in government accounting and cost principles. *(Exhibit K)*

ABCLC will staff the position of academic advisor with a FWISD retired principal with more than thirty years of combined classroom and administrative experience. This will ensure that the position will be staffed with someone who has first hand knowledge of the challenges of which our students are confronted on a daily basis. *(Exhibit L)*

ABCLC will obtain security from Fort Worth Police Department (FWPD) to be present on site during operational hours. The designated officer will patrol the perimeters of the parking lot and building to provide a safe environment for participants of the Go Center. Due to the high crime rate in the area, the constant presence of a FWPD officer is necessary to ensure the comfort and safety of parents and students in attendance at the Go Center.

ABCLC utilizes college students from University of North Texas Health Science Center as volunteer/mentors to assist students in the Go Center. UNTHSC has entered into a partnership agreement with ABCLC to provide G-Force students as volunteers for the Go Center. The mentors will work with high school students, grades 9th through 12th to helping them focus on successful completion of high school as well as preparation for college. By providing intervention as early as 9th grade, we can provide students and families the support and encouragement necessary to develop goals and plans which will ultimately lead to high school graduation.

Listed below are personnel and time commitment to the project.

<i>Position</i>	<i>Hrs per wk</i>	<i>Hrs per Yr</i>	<i>Qualification</i>
Grant/Project Administrator	10 Hrs	520	See Resume
Academic Advisor	20 Hrs	1040	See Resume
Security Personnel	20 Hrs	1040	Fort Worth Police Officer (Contract)
G-Force Volunteer	6 Hrs	312	College Student
G-Force Volunteer	6 Hrs	312	College Student
G-Force Volunteer	6 Hrs	312	College Student
G-Force Volunteer	6 Hrs	312	College Student

Community Partners

Fort Worth Independent School District (FWISD) is the district responsible for all high schools targeted to benefit from this project. FWISD is categorized as a large central city school district and encompasses 148 schools with approximately 80,000 students. ABCLC remains in contact with FWISD about the status of the Community Go Center. FWISD provides its support to this initiative. (See Attached Letter of Support)

Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce is responsible for Go Centers established in high schools in Fort Worth, coordinating its activities through the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The Chamber offers its letter of support for the implementation of the first non-traditional faith based Go Center in the State of Texas. (See Attached Letter of Support)

University of North Texas Health Science Center (UNTHSC) has committed to partner with ABCLC in support of the Community Go Center at Stop Six Church of Christ. As a partner in this effort, UNTHSC will provide college mentors to work with high school students grades 9th through 12th at the Go Center. The mentors will assist students with researching careers, financial aid, and higher education options. This partnership will help create and sustain a college-going culture within the Stop Six Community that prepares all students for the academic rigor and discipline needed to enter and successfully participate in college.

Although the Center will operate at the physical location of the Church, there will be no inherent religious activities associated with, supported by, or funded with these funds. The Go Center will not be operational at any time that Church worship services are being conducted. The Go Center and all of its activities are open to the general public.

**AB Christian Learning Center
GO Center – Proposed Budget**

<i>Cost Element</i>	<i>Monthly</i>	<i>Annual</i>	<i>% of Funds</i>	<i>Note</i>
<i>Direct Personnel</i>				
Grant/Project Administrator	\$ 1,213*	\$ 14,560	14.7%	1
Academic Advisor	\$ 2,167*	\$ 26,000	26.2%	2
<i>Total Direct Personnel</i>	\$ 3,380	\$ 40,560	40.9%	
Fringe Benefits	\$ 507	\$ 6,084	6.1%	3
<i>Other Direct Cost</i>				
Facilities	\$ 1,200	\$ 14,400	14.5%	4
Security	\$ 2,730	\$ 32,760	33.0%	5
Copier	\$ 400	\$ 400	.4%	6
Supplies	\$ 200	\$ 2,400	2.4%	7
<i>Total Other Direct Cost</i>	\$ 4,380	\$ 49,960	51.7%	
<i>Total Direct Cost/Budget</i>	\$ 8,417	\$ 96,604	100.0%	

**Rounded*

GO Center Budget – Detailed Explanation

Notes

1. The grant/project administrator will be a part-time position devoting 10 hours per week to project oversight and administration and to the Go Center. Proposed \$14,560 is as follows:

Hours per week	<u>10</u>	
Rate per hour	\$28.00	
Total hour per year	<u>520</u>	(52*10)
Total Proposed Cost	\$14,560	(520*\$28.00)

2. The academic advisor will be a part-time position devoting 20 hours per week to the Go Center. Proposed cost of \$26,000 is as follows:

Hours per week	<u>20</u>	
Rate per hour	\$25.00	
Total hour per year	<u>1,040</u>	(52*20)
Total Proposed Cost	\$26,000	(1,040*\$25.00)

3. Fringe benefits are proposed at \$6,084 annually and based on 15% of direct labor (\$40,560*15%).

4. Facilities cost will be paid at a rate of \$1,200 per month. Proposed cost of \$14,000 (12*\$1,200) includes the following:

- a) Facility use Monday thru Thursday 3 pm to 6 pm and Saturdays 12 noon to 6 pm;
- b) Fellowship Hall facility use once a month for a two (2) hour parent meeting;
- c) Personnel to open facilities 30 minutes prior to operation and after to close facilities;
- d) High speed internet connection; and
- e) Telephone Line.

5. Security cost is proposed as quoted by Fort Worth Police Department at a rate of \$35.00 per hour. Because the Go Center is located in a high-crime area, the presence of a uniformed policeman is requested. Proposed cost of \$32,760 is as follows:

Hours per week	<u>20</u>	
Rate per hour	\$35.00	
Total hour per year	<u>1,020</u>	(52*20)
Total Proposed Cost	\$32,760	(1,020*\$35.00)

6. Proposed copier cost of \$400 based on a table top copier to be placed in the Go Center to provide students and parents copies of scholarship, SAT, PSAT, and other related information.

7. Supply cost is proposed based on need for paper, ink cartridges, and other miscellaneous supplies.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
P. O. BOX 2508
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: **AUG 18 2006**

AB CHRISTIAN LEARNING CENTER
C/O LORETTA BURNS
PO BOX 54456
HURST, TX 76054-2356

Employer Identification Number:
27-0141151
DLN:
17053207043026
Contact Person:
DEL TRIMBLE ID# 31309
Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500
Accounting Period Ending:
December 31
Public Charity Status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990 Required:
Yes
Effective Date of Exemption:
June 21, 2006
Contribution Deductibility:
Yes
Advance Ruling Ending Date:
December 31, 2010

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. During your advance ruling period, you will be treated as a public charity. Your advance ruling period begins with the effective date of your exemption and ends with advance ruling ending date shown in the heading of the letter.

Shortly before the end of your advance ruling period, we will send you Form 8734, Support Schedule for Advance Ruling Period. You will have 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period to return the completed form. We will then notify you, in writing, about your public charity status.

Please see enclosed Information for Exempt Organizations Under Section 501(c)(3) for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

If you distribute funds to other organizations, your records must show whether they are exempt under section 501(c)(3). In cases where the recipient organization is not exempt under section 501(c)(3), you must have evidence the funds will be used for section 501(c)(3) purposes.

Letter 1045 (DO/CG)

AB CHRISTIAN LEARNING CENTER

Sincerely,



Lois G. Lerner
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

Enclosures: Information for Organizations Exempt Under Section 501(c) (3)
Statute Extension

Letter 1045 (DO/CG)



TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
SUSAN COMBS • COMPTROLLER • AUSTIN, TEXAS 78774

August 14, 2007

CERTIFICATE OF ACCOUNT STATUS

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TRAVIS

I, Susan Combs, Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, DO
HEREBY CERTIFY that according to the records of this office

AB CHRISTIAN LEARNING CENTER

is exempt from payment of franchise tax and consequently is in good standing
with this office.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND
SEAL OF OFFICE in the City of
Austin, this 14th day of
August 2007 A.D.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Combs".

Susan Combs
Texas Comptroller

Taxpayer number: 12701411519
File number: 0800671634

Form 05-303(Rev. 1-03/6)

AB Christian Learning Center

Go Center Proposal

Exhibit B

<http://ecpa.cpa.state.tx.us/coa/servlet/cpa.app.coa.CoaLetter>

8/14/2007

Fort Worth Independent School District High School Dropout and Graduation Rates

Drop-Out Rate – The statistics for the target school indicates these schools are at a particular high risk for drop outs. Data compiled by Texas Education Agency indicates that these schools are, in most categories, ranked lowest when compared to other schools in FWISD for high school completion. These data are from the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS), which is the official reporting system from the Texas Education Agency.

2004-2005 <i>Table 1</i>				
<i>FWISD High Schools</i>	<i>Annual Dropout Rate (Gr 7-12) (AEA Indicator) 2004-2005</i>	<i>Ranking (Lowest to Highest Rate, best to worst)</i>	<i>Distance to ABCLC</i>	<i>Zip Code</i>
Arlington Heights H.S.	0.4	1	10	76107
Western Hills H.S.	0.7	2	15	76116
Diamond Hill-Jarvis H.S.	0.8	3	8	76106
Amon Carter-Riverside H.S.	0.9	4 (tie)	8	76111
Trimble Tech H.S.	0.9	4 (tie)	5	76104
Southwest H.S.	1.1	5	15	76133
North Side H.S.	1.3	6 (tie)	10	76164
Paschal H.S.	1.3	6 (tie)	6	76110
Oscar Dean Wyatt H.S.	1.6	7	5	76119
South Hills H.S.	1.8	8	13	76133
Dunbar H.S.	1.9	9	3	76112
Eastern Hills H.S.	2.2	10	5	76112
Polytechnic H.S.	3.0	11	3	76105

Table 1 shows the Annual Dropout Rate for the class of 2004-2005 for each high school. This rate is the percent of students who drop out of school during one school year (e.g., 0.9% of the students enrolled in Carter-Riverside in 2004-2005 dropped out of school during that year).

Table 1 shows that in 2004-2005, Arlington Heights had the lowest (best) annual dropout rate and Polytechnic had the highest (worst) annual dropout rate.

Fort Worth Independent School District
Completion/Student Status Rate (Grades 9-12)

Class of 2005 <i>Table 2</i>				
<i>FWISD High Schools</i>	<i>Dropped Out (4-yr)</i>	<i>Ranking (Lowest to Highest Rate, best to worst)</i>	<i>Distance to ABCLC</i>	<i>Zip Code</i>
Western Hills H.S.	1.5	1	15	76116
Arlington Heights H.S.	2.5	2	10	76107
Southwest H.S.	4.0	3	15	76133
Trimble Tech H.S.	4.6	4	5	76104
Amon Carter-Riverside H.S.	4.9	5	8	76111
Diamond Hill-Jarvis H.S.	5.6	6	8	76106
Paschal H.S.	6.3	7	6	76110
Dunbar H.S.	8.0	8	3	76112
North Side H.S.	9.9	9	10	76164
Eastern Hills H.S.	10.3	10	5	76112
South Hills H.S.	11.0	11	13	76133
Oscar Dean Wyatt H.S.	11.8	12	5	76119
Polytechnic H.S.	13.2	13	3	76105

Table 2 shows the 4-Year Dropout Rate for the class of 2004-2005 for each high school. This rate is the percent of 9th grade students who drop out of school before graduating, receiving a GED, or are not still enrolled in school when their class graduates (e.g., 4.9% of the 9th grade students enrolled in Carter-Riverside did not graduate, receive a GED, or continue to be enrolled in school in 2004-2005).

Table 2 shows that in 2004-2005, Western Hills had the lowest (best) 4-year dropout rate and Polytechnic had the highest (worst) 4-year dropout rate.

Fort Worth Independent School District
Completion/Student Status Rate (Grades 9-12)

Class of 2005 <i>Table 3</i>				
<i>FWISD High Schools</i>	<i>Graduated</i>	<i>Ranking (Highest to Lowest Rate, best to worst)</i>	<i>Distance to ABCLC</i>	<i>Zip Code</i>
Trimble Tech H.S.	93.8	1	5	76104
Western Hills H.S.	91.5	2	15	76116
Arlington Heights H.S.	91.0	3	10	76107
Dunbar H.S.	89.0	4	3	76112
Diamond Hill-Jarvis H.S.	88.9	5 (tie)	8	76106
Southwest H.S.	88.9	5 (tie)	15	76133
Paschal H.S.	88.5	6	6	76110
Amon Carter-Riverside H.S.	84.6	7	8	76111
South Hills H.S.	82.4	8	13	76133
Oscar Dean Wyatt H.S.	80.7	9	5	76119
Eastern Hills H.S.	79.5	10	5	76112
North Side H.S.	78.7	11	10	76164
Polytechnic H.S.	78.3	12	3	76105

Table 3 shows the 4-Year Graduation Rate for the class of 2004-2005 for each high school. This rate is the percent of 9th grade students who graduated after 4 years of high school (e.g., 84.6% of the 9th grade students enrolled in Carter-Riverside graduated in 2005).

Table 3 shows that in 2004-2005, Trimble Tech had the highest (best) graduation rate and Polytechnic had the lowest (worst) graduation rate.

Total Population By Race By Zip Code

	76105	76105 % of Ft. Worth	76112	76112 % of Ft. Worth	76119	76119 % of Ft. Worth	Dallas Fort Worth	DFW % of Texas	Texas
Total Population:	21,927		39,590		40,285		5,221,801		20,851,820
White alone	5,871	27%	17,350	44%	12,542	31%	3,629,477	70%	14,797,985
Black or African American alone	10,922	50%	18,647	47%	22,353	55%	712,584	14%	2,385,554
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	188	1%	129	0%	75	0%	30,110	1%	113,755
Asian alone	274	1%	811	2%	362	1%	192,726	4%	555,928
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	16	0%	4	0%	7	0%	3,430	0%	12,464
Some other race alone	4,283	20%	1,747	4%	4,244	11%	522,256	10%	2,455,972
Two or more races	373	2%	902	2%	702	2%	131,218	3%	530,162

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - Census 2000 P7. Race [8]
Data Set: Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF 1) 100-percent data

Poverty Status Of Families by Family Type

	Texas Population	% of Total Texas Population	76105 Population	% of Total 76105 Population	76112 Population	% of Total 76112 Population	76119 Population	% of Total 76119 Population
Total Population	5,283,474		4,959		10,144		9,497	
Income in 1999 below poverty level:	632,676	12%	1,459	29%	1,381	14%	2,295	24%
Married-couple family:	315,121	6%	515	10%	403	4%	779	8%
With related children under 18 years:	230,518	4%	428	9%	264	3%	598	6%
Under 5 years only	44,323	1%	118	2%	58	1%	125	1%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	88,654	2%	211	4%	103	1%	282	3%
5 to 17 years only	97,541	2%	99	2%	103	1%	191	2%
No related children under 18 years	84,603	2%	87	2%	139	1%	181	2%
Other family:	317,555	6%	944	19%	978	10%	1,516	16%
Male householder, no wife present:	50,601	1%	65	1%	116	1%	151	2%
With related children under 18 years:	38,040	1%	56	1%	91	1%	102	1%
Under 5 years only	9,637	0%	18	0%	41	0%	31	0%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	9,225	0%	5	0%	0	0%	26	0%
5 to 17 years only	19,178	0%	33	1%	50	0%	45	0%
No related children under 18 years	12,561	0%	9	0%	25	0%	49	1%
Female householder, no husband present:	266,954	5%	879	18%	862	8%	1,365	14%
With related children under 18 years:	235,353	4%	783	16%	782	8%	1,234	13%
Under 5 years only	43,728	1%	171	3%	104	1%	213	2%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	67,435	1%	245	5%	294	3%	407	4%
5 to 17 years only	124,190	2%	367	7%	384	4%	614	6%
No related children under 18 years	31,601	1%	96	2%	80	1%	131	1%
Income in 1999 at or above poverty level:	4,650,798	88%	3,500	71%	8,763	86%	7,202	76%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - Census 2000 P90. [41]
Data Set: Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data

Comparison Crime Statistics – 2006
Zip Codes 76105, 76112, 76119

<i>Crime</i>	<i>Total for 76105</i>	<i><u>76105</u> % of Ft. Worth</i>	<i>Total for 76119</i>	<i><u>76119</u> % of Ft. Worth</i>	<i>Total for 76112</i>	<i><u>76112</u> % of Ft. Worth</i>	<i>Total for Ft. Worth</i>	<i><u>Ft. Worth</u> % of Texas</i>	<i>Total for Texas</i>
Murder	1	4.3%	7	30.4%	4	17.4%	23	1.7%	1,384
Rape	12	7.7%	22	14.1%	25	16.0%	156	1.9%	8,372
Robbery	72	10.7%	115	17.2%	162	24.2%	670	1.8%	37,254
Aggravated Assault	143	10.3%	235	16.9%	226	16.2%	1,393	1.9%	74,368
Burglary	470	10.8%	823	18.9%	953	21.9%	4,348	2.0%	215,647
Larceny Theft	762	6.3%	1,216	10.1%	1660	13.8%	12,016	1.9%	648,384
Auto Theft	121	6.4%	201	10.7%	218	11.6%	1,881	2.0%	95,429

Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) is a city, county, and state law enforcement program. It provides a nationwide view of crime based on the submission of statistics by law enforcement agencies throughout the country. The crime data are submitted either to a state UC program or directly to the national UCR program which is administered by the FBI. The source for the data is the Fort Worth Police Department.



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- **College Applications**
- **Financial Aid**
- **Scholarships**

Community  **Center at Stop Six Church of Christ**
4500 E. Berry Street
Fort Worth, TX 76105

Monday thru Thursday
3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday – 12 noon to 6 p.m.

For more information contact: AB Christian Learning Center – (817) 457-3911

Ideal Go Center Model

Definition:

Go Centers are a grassroots network of community-managed prospective college student centers located in communities across the state of Texas. Go Centers will serve as one of the points of coordination between the *College for Texans* efforts and local communities.

Location

Go Centers can be located in middle schools, high schools, community colleges, universities, and other community locations (i.e., public libraries, community centers, housing projects, malls, etc.). The Go Center itself is a room or a section of a room designated specifically for college-going activities. The Go Center should be accessible to all students and preferably located in a high traffic area. Some high schools and community centers have deemed their entire computer labs as the Go Center which improves accessibility and exposure while others designate a single computer in their library as the Go Center.

Computer

The key to the Go Center is having at least two existing computers with internet access. Other necessities include:

- Computer (Desktop PC/Laptop/Notebook) minimum requirements:
 - o Pentium III (or better)
 - o 512mb of RAM (or better)
 - o 40GB hard drive (or better)
 - o 48X CD-RW drive
 - o Windows XP Professional Operating System
 - o Word Processing Software
- Desks/tables and chairs
- Printer

Phone

A phone is critical to allow students/sponsors to call the toll-free Texas Financial Aid Information Center (1.888.311.8881) if they have questions.

Go Center Sponsor

A full-time staffer (counselor or paraprofessional) would serve as the Go Center Sponsor. This ensures that the students have someone that they can follow-up with regarding any issues that they may have. Currently, VISTA volunteers, Communities In Schools, GEAR UP, TRIO, and Career and Technology Education employees serve in that capacity at several High School Go Centers.

Source: www.theccb.state.tx.us/collegereadiness/idealgocenter.pdf

G-Force

The G-Force is the peer education component of the Go Center that utilizes students or volunteers to help facilitate the Campaign's college-going message. The G-Force works under the guidance of a G-Force Sponsor.

- *Middle/High school*: students serve as peer educators to encourage their fellow students to go to college.
- *Collegiate*: college students bring the experiential component to the entire college-going process.
- *Community*: volunteers encourage members of their community to reap the benefits of a college education.

Training

G-Force and Sponsor receive 3-4 hour Go Center training (Toolkit presentations, Operations, Resources, and Peer Education) provided by the P-16 Field Specialist who has already received training from Campaign staff. Ideally, training would occur on-site so there would not be a need for travel expenses.

Office Supplies

Several schools have commented on how they do not have the funds to maintain the supplies at a Go Center. The materials include the following:

- Paper
- Ink cartridges for printer
- Miscellaneous (staplers, staples, paperclips, pencils, etc.)

Branding Items/Resources

This includes all the branding items for the Go Center which comes with the Launch Kit :

- Room-topper banners
- Computer monitor toppers
- Mouse pads
- Go Center pens/pencils

Shipping and supplying the Go Centers with other literature and resources (i.e., videos, DVDs, etc.) would also fall under this category.

Source: www.thecb.state.tx.us/collegereadiness/idealgocenter.pdf

***AB Christian Learning Center
Organization Information***

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Email Address: Website:	abc@abchrist.org www.abchrist.org
Contact: Alternate:	Loretta Burns, Executive Director – lburns@abchrist.org Ebony Harris, Authorized Representative – eharris@abchrist.org
D-U-N-S Number:	621105209
EIN:	27-0141151
Organizational Status:	Section 501 (c) (3) of IRS Code
Mission Statement:	To strengthen and improve the academic performance of disadvantaged students by taking a holistic approach to addressing their needs. Our goal; (a) improve the academic skills of children in a safe environment; (b) increase parental involvement in the educational process of their children.
Organizational Structure:	ABC Corporation is governed by a Board of Directors, with its daily operations being directed by an Executive Director (ED). The Board of Directors is comprised of certified teachers, educational professional, community leaders, and parents. The ED is responsible for the administration and conduct of the business and affairs of the corporation pursuant to the by-laws of the corporation. The ED has authority for direction of the employees.
Board of Directors:	Helen Curtis, Retired Principal FWISD Carolyn McHenry, Director Boys and Girls Club Main Branch Arlington Chastity McKnight, Elementary Teacher Dallas ISD Marilyn Roberts, Elementary Teacher, FWISD Diane Smith, High School Teacher, Duncanville ISD

LORETTA BURNS

OBJECTIVE

To assist youth in at-risk populations become socially adjusted and achieve academic success by providing mentoring and tutoring programs.

WORK EXPERIENCE

June 1999 - Jan 2008 U.S. Housing Urban Development Office Of Inspector General - Arlington, TX
(Retired)

Forensic Auditor

- Investigate Fraud in HUD programs
- Assist U.S. Attorney and District Attorney in Trial Preparation
- Testify in trials as to investigative finding

May 1988 – June 1999 U.S. Department of Defense Contract Audit Agency - Ft. Worth, TX

Senior Auditor

- Investigate Contract Fraud by Major Defense Contractors
- Audit Major Defense Contractors

May 1988 – June 2001 Tarrant County College - Hurst, TX

Part-Time Instructor

- Teach Computer Technology Courses

May 1984 – June 1986 Lake Worth High School - Ft. Worth, TX

Teacher

- Teach Computer Science Vocational Education

EDUCATION

University of Texas At Arlington – Arlington, Texas
Bachelor of Science Business Management
Tarrant County College
Associate Degree Computer Science

MILITARY

U.S. Air Force – Honorable Discharge

REFERENCES

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|---|------------------|----------------|
| ▪ Last Supervisor 1999 - 2008 | Windell Durant | (817) 978-5449 |
| ▪ HUDOIG Special Agent In Charge | Daniel Salas | (817) 978-5446 |
| ▪ Postal IG Assistant Special Agent In Charge | Carlos Ontiveros | (214) 775-9231 |

SECURITY CLEARANCE

Government Secret Security Clearance – Complete Background Investigation available upon request

Helen M. Curtis
4701 Shell Ridge Drive
Fort Worth, Texas 76133
Home Telephone Number 817-263-7530
E-Mail address – helenprin14@aol.com

EDUCATION

- Associates of Arts Degree – Southwestern Christian College, Terrell, TX
- Bachelors of Science Degree – Pepperdine University, Los Angeles, CA
- Masters of Business Education Degree – University of North Texas, Denton, TX

CERTIFICATIONS

- Texas State Teaching Professional – Life
- Vocational Education – Life
- Administrative/Mid-Management – Life

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

- 1966-1970 Dunbar High School, Fort Worth, TX
- 1970-1973 Southwestern Christian College, Terrell, TX
- 1976-1978 North Side High School, Fort Worth
- 1978-1984 Vocational Office Education Placement Coordinator, North Side High School, Fort Worth
- 1983-1986 Texas Wesleyan College (Part-Time Instructor)

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCES

- 1984-1985 Assistant to the Director of Middle Schools, FWISD
- 1985-1986 Assistant Principal, Dunbar Fifth/Sixth Grade Center
- 1986-1989 Principal, Dunbar Fifth/Sixth Grade Center
- 1989-1991 Principal, Daggett Middle School
- 1991-2000 Principal, Dunbar Middle School
- 2000-2004 Principal, New Lives School

AFFILIATIONS

- Fort Worth Retired Educators Association
- Fort Worth Public Schools Administrators Association (Retirees Designation)
- Texas Association of Secondary School Principals (Retirees Designation)
- Fort Worth Alumni Chapter of Southwestern Christian College
- National Alumni Association of Southwestern Christian College
- Board of Directors, Cassata High School
- Board of Directors, Southwestern Christian College
- Guardianship Services – Volunteer



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Around Tarrant...

Dear Friends,

The hair on the back of my neck stood up as I listened to the Eastern Hills High School choir sing acapella on MLK Day in the sanctuary of St. Andrews United Methodist Church. I know mine was not the only neck with standing hair, because as soon as they finished, every single person in the place jumped up and gave them a standing ovation. It was a blessing to hear the seven of them and to watch them sing. There was such power and clarity in their voices, such hope, such focused harmony.

Their music was a blessing to all of us there. What a demonstration of the amazing things that can happen when, though we might be few in number, we join our gifts together for a common purpose. And that was the point of the gathering that day—to join the gifts, talents, and experience of youth, adults, and community and congregational leaders to work to help students finish high-school and move on to higher education or vocational training.

And join their talents they did. Students gave impassioned speeches about Martin Luther King and the dream he lifted up in his inspiring speech just a few decades ago. Community and congregational leaders committed their time and talents to making that dream a true reality. Adults and youth talked and listened to one another from the heart, sharing stories of those who had dropped out and dreams of how things could be different. We all left inspired.

That event was followed just two days later by a program at the Stop Six Church of Christ to celebrate the very first GoCenter set up in a congregation. Once again, the hair stood up on the back of my neck as I watched one girl face all of us in the pews and sing her way through "The Greatest Love of All". On the front row was her music director, who kept rhythm with her head. She never stopped keeping that rhythm, even when the singer struggled to make the low notes and at one point lost them entirely. That music director stuck with her, keeping the rhythm going, so the girl could pick it up again when she stumbled and continue on—which she did all the way to the end of the song, and we gave her a standing ovation, too.

I thought that was just right for the purpose of the evening, because that's what a GoCenter is all about, being a steady companion of resources for youth and families that are making that often stumbling journey through high school and on toward life beyond it. That church feels it ought to have a GoCenter, like some of the schools do, so that its youth and youth in the broader community can find reliable help to set a life goal and keep walking toward it. Its members think it is their calling as a church to provide that support for youth and their families in their part of Fort Worth—I think they're right.

I wonder what amazing things might happen for at-risk students across Fort Worth if all of us in the faith community saw them and reached out to them like the good folks at St. Andrews United Methodist Church and the Stop Six Church of Christ are doing. It's definitely food for thought and, hopefully, inspiration for action.

Blessings and joy to you!

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Center for change

Stop Six church aims to help disadvantaged teens get into college

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When Shané Howard, 17, showed up for a prayer meeting at her church on a recent Wednesday, she found something unusual. The church, Stop Six Church of Christ in southeast Fort Worth, had established a "Go Center" — part of a statewide initiative to help teens who dream of attending college but may be held back by economic disadvantages.

More than 220 high schools and middle schools statewide have established community-managed centers, including 15 Fort Worth high schools, since the initiative began in 2003, say officials with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

But the Stop Six church is the only church in the state to do so.

"It's very interesting, very helpful," said Howard, a junior at Southwest High School.

Community effort

Sixteen computers have been donated to the church for student research about careers and financial aid. And volunteers from the business and educational communities will assist students and their parents four days a week, organizers said.

Minister Joe Gibbs Sr. of Stop Six Church of Christ was delighted late last year when church member Loretta Burns suggested that the church look into becoming a Go Center.

The 350-member church on Berry Street already had begun a program called Community Passport for Renewal — with the catchy "CPR" acronym — to tutor students, but it had been slow taking off, Gibbs said.

So the church approached Glenn Spoons, a field specialist for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, in November to see about joining forces. Spoons coordinates Go Centers in 10 counties and works from the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce to link students with volunteers.

"I didn't hesitate," Spoons said. "I said, 'Yes, you can!'"

About 80 people, including about 20 youths, attended the center's Jan. 23 grand opening.

Outside help

Pooling resources with the chamber of commerce, United Way and other organizations has given the church's effort a boost, Gibbs said.

"I didn't quibble about the name 'CPR,'" Gibbs said. "I don't care what you call it as long as it's a ladder of opportunity."

Howard said she likes having a Go Center at her church.

"We have a Go Center at my school," she said. "But there, you have to be a senior, and I say you shouldn't wait until you're a senior to start planning."

Howard said she plans to major in communications and minor in criminal justice. She hopes to research financial aid on the computers — as well as take practice SAT tests.

"At school, there's no one to help unless there are counselors, and they're very busy," she said. "At church, there's always going to be someone there if I make a mistake, because my mother doesn't know everything about computers, and neither does my dad."

Burns said the hours of the church's Go Center — 3 to 6 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays — are convenient for many families. Organizers hope that by March, they can expand the hours to include noon to 6 p.m. Saturdays.

"We're looking to try to get more churches involved," said Chris Alvarado, acting senior director of participation

and outreach for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. "What better place than a place where families feel comfortable?"

Go Center

When: 3 to 6 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays

Where: Stop Six Church of Christ, 500 E. Berry St., Fort Worth

Cost: Free

Information: 817-457-3911

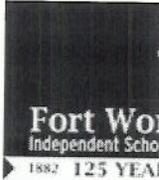
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Kim Geiger of Fort Worth looks over the shoulder of her son, Eric Lockett, 16, on opening night of the Go Center at the Stop Six Church of Christ in Fort Worth. Students can use the computers to find information on college grants and scholarships.

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A new **GO Center**, aimed at helping **Fort Worth ISD** high school students and their families prepare for college, will open Wednesday, January 23rd. The center will be located in the Stop Six Church of Christ on East Berry Street.

GO Centers are part of the College for Texans initiative, which endeavors to increase the overall Texas higher education participation rate. The Stop Six GO Center location will be the first in the state to be located in a church. The Centers, which are located throughout the state, provide computer access, scholarship information, mock SAT tests, and application assistance to high school students and their parents.

The GO Center at the Stop Six Church of Christ will house five computers with online access, as well as volunteers to assist with the application process, scholarship opportunities, and information about colleges and universities throughout the nation. The Center will provide a setting in which parents and students can feel comfortable in asking questions and receiving help in the initial process of college preparation.

The event is open to the public and the community is encouraged to attend and support higher education opportunities for Fort Worth ISD students.

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