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Blueprint for Prosperity Poised for Implementation

Since releasing the final Blueprint on February 24, 2006, over seventy organizations have signed on as Blueprint Partners. Each Partner's role is to adopt one or more of the strategies in Blueprint and/or notify the Blueprint staff of strategies they are currently working on that are consistent with those outlined in the plan.

The Executive Committee of Blueprint for Prosperity has selected several strategies per Foundation as first-year priorities for implementation. These strategy numbers are as follows: Education 2, 3, 4, 8, 22; Economic Development 1,

2, 4; Quality of Life 1, 7, 10, 16, 23, 30, 34; Racial Opportunity and Harmony 1, 5, 8, 9, 13; Infrastructure 1, 2, 5, 11, 14; and Leadership 7, 8, 9. Along with the priority strategies, dozens of others will be worked on by Blueprint Partners throughout the year. You can review these strategies and the Blueprint plan at www.blueprintforprosperity.com.

Please ensure that your organization is working to implement the Blueprint. For more information, or to sign on as a Blueprint Partner, contact Harlan Stallings at 904.366.6618 or harlan.stallings@myjaxchamber.com.

KEY BENCHMARKS

1. Duval County Residents' Income

- Increase Duval County median household income at a percentage of the United States by 0.5 percent annually beginning in 2007.
- Increase Duval County per capita income as a percentage of the U.S. per capita income by 0.5 percent annually beginning in 2007.

2. Education

- Early Learning - Birth to 5 - Duval's kindergarten readiness rate will exceed 90 percent by 2013.
- Graduation Rate and Achievement Gap - Duval's percentage of students graduating will exceed 90 percent in 2013. Over 90 percent of students will perform at grade level in reading and math by 2013.
- Racial/Ethnic and Economics Gap - Eliminate the racial/ethnic and economics/education achievement gaps and graduation rate gaps by 2013.
- Higher Education - By 2017, 35 percent of Duval's population age 25 and over will have bachelor's degrees or higher and an additional 10 percent will have associate's degrees.

3. Jobs (by place of work in Duval County)

- Earnings per Job - Annually increase average earnings per job 0.5 percent above the U.S. average.
- Job Growth - Increase Duval County annual percentage job growth at a rate above the Florida average (See above-earnings per job has the highest priority).

4. Racial Opportunity And Harmony

- Increase per capita income for all Duval residents while decreasing the gap between Whites and all other racial/ethnic groups by 50 percent by 2020.

5. Poverty Rate

For all Duval County Residents in Poverty

- Reduce Duval poverty to 50 percent of the United States average poverty in 20 years.

For High-Poverty Duval Residents

- Reduce by 1 percent annually the areas where the poverty rate is between 10 percent and 20 percent.
- Reduce by 2 percent annually the percentage of individuals in poverty in every zip code in Duval County where poverty exceeds 20 percent.

6. Family Stability

- Reduce Duval County's infant death rate to Florida rate by 2016.
- Reduce Duval County's birthrate to unwed mothers by 50 percent by 2016.
- Reduce the marriage dissolutions rate in Duval County by 50 percent by 2016.

7. Public Safety

Reduce Duval County's murder rate to equal the Florida rate by 2011.

8. Health Care

The Key Benchmark measurement will be established by the Benchmark team, Quality of Life team and Blueprint Partners adopting and implementing the Quality of Life health care strategy #1.

9. Housing

The Key Benchmark measurement will be established by the Benchmark team, Infrastructure team and Blueprint Partners adopting and implementing the Infrastructure strategies in the Housing section.

Founding Partners

- City of Jacksonville
- Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce
- WorkSource

New Partners

- Alzheimer's Association
- Ambassador Career Training Consulting Firm
- Baywatch
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Florida
- Changing The Focus, LLC
- City of Jacksonville- Community Development Division
- Community Foundation
- Downtown Council- Jacksonville Chamber
- Gamma Beta Boule' Chapter of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity
- Hope Haven Children's Clinic & Family Center
- IMPACTjax
- J & M Mortgage Inc.
- Jacksonville Community Council Inc.
- Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce- Economic Inclusion Department
- Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce- Small Business Center
- Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce- Women's Business Center
- Jacksonville Transportation Authority
- Kesler Mentoring Connection
- Siddiqui Legal Enterprise
- World Good News, Inc. d/b/a Jacksonville
- Youth Sanctuary

CBS47 to Air Blueprint Television Special

CBS47 will produce a half-hour special to help promote community awareness about Blueprint for Prosperity. The Blueprint special premieres at 7 p.m. on May 22 and will air throughout June. The special will focus on the six Foundations

outlined in the Blueprint plan by reviewing some of the challenges presented in the plan, hearing key insights from city leaders and highlighting some success stories.

Blueprint Partner Spotlights

Blueprint for Prosperity would like to spotlight the **Gumbs Media Group, LLC** for organizing the 2006 BizOp Showcase & Economic Development Summit. This event will be held June 1 at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront in downtown Jacksonville. With more than 240 companies representing over 100 industries, as well as 48 powerful "mind growing" workshops and seminars, this event should certainly live up to its theme as "One Remarkable Day."

Blueprint would also like to spotlight the **Gamma Beta Boulé** for its youth recognition program. The Gamma Beta Boulé is the Northeast Florida chapter of Sigma Pi Phi fraternity, the oldest Greek letter African American fraternity in existence with a record of more than 10 decades of achievement.

The Gamma Beta Boulé's annual High-Achieving Youth Recognition Program was developed more than 20 years ago. Through this program, they have provided students with increased access to college as well as tens of thousands of dollars of cash awards for outstanding academic performance. More than five hundred high school students will be honored at this year's event to be held on May 8 at the University Of North Florida Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m.

FreshMinistries is also being spotlighted for their collaboration with Duval County Public Schools on the faith based "6-Point Plan," which is designed to reduce generational poverty and increase graduation rates in the urban core of Jacksonville's East Side neighborhood - zip code 32206. The plan focuses on six literacy growth development areas in children: neonatal, newborn to three-years-old, pre-k to kindergarten, elementary level, middle school and high school. Programs and services will be matrixed with specific initiatives in education, employment, housing, health care, safety and strengthening families.

Blueprint Partner Orientations

Blueprint staff will be conducting orientations to assist the Blueprint Partners with developing strategy benchmarks in alignment with the Key Benchmarks. These orientation sessions will be given throughout the year in the Compass Bank room at the Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce, 3 Independent Dr., Jacksonville Fla., 32202. The dates and times of these orientations are as follows:

May 12	9:00 a.m.
May 18	1:30 p.m.
June 2	1:30 p.m.
June 8	1:30 p.m.
July 11	1:30 p.m.
August 16	1:30 p.m.
September 15	1:30 p.m.
October 12	1:30 p.m.
November 15	1:30 p.m.

To register for these orientations, contact Harlan Stallings at 904.366.6618 or harlan.stallings@myjaxchamber.com.

Strategic Alliances to be Formed

At least one of the priority strategies per Foundation will require new alliances among existing organizations throughout our community.

"It is clear that a great deal of meaningful work is already occurring throughout our city," said Blueprint Executive Director Jarik Conrad. "We want to ensure that the work is aligned with the Key Benchmarks outlined in the Blueprint, duplication of efforts is reduced and citizens who need services are matched with service providers. The strategic alliance process will help make this happen."

To sign up as a Blueprint Partner, please visit our Web site at www.blueprintforprosperity.com or contact Harlan Stallings, the Chamber's Blueprint manager, at 904.366.6618.