

My name is **Jim Cordova** and I am the **CEO of Elohim Ministries International**, a **local 501c3** non-profit corporation. I am reaching out to you **asking for your assistance** with the mission and vision of **“Removing Barriers” for abundant living for those in need**. We reach out **locally in the Kent and surrounding cities** by **helping the homeless remove barriers** that hinder **reintegration into stable living** conditions, **remove barriers to job retention**, barriers to **healthy relationships, family cohesiveness** as well as removing barriers to **becoming a contributing citizen in our community**. We do this **by providing cognitive behavioral training** in the form of, **anger management classes, honest communication** classes and **dealing with confrontation** classes, all of which lead to **healthy and abundant living**.

**We team up with the local retirement communities** (Farrington Court, Stafford Suites, Aegis Living, Weatherly Inn and Arbor Village) **to put on a yearly Community Christmas Celebration for the homeless and working poor**. We provide **training to the staff of KentHope, a Union Gospel mission**, which the majority are made up of **previously homeless women** who have worked through the program and are now employed by **Union Gospel**. We **train them in life skills, communication, crisis training** and evangelism. **We team up with a local restaurant owner (of The Golden Steer)** to provide **Thanksgiving dinner to the homeless and working poor** since 2004.

We have been serving the community of Kent **since 2004** in a myriad of ways including providing transitional homes, short term emergency services, long term homes and discipleship programs. We have provided truckloads of blankets and food for orphans in Mexico as well as financially supporting children in impoverished countries.

All this we have done in the past with intermittent donations from like-minded people. As we grow our reach locally in services **we are in need of larger, more sustainable donations**. This is where you come in, on **Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020** we are planning our **first ever Auction ( Removing Barriers) to raise funds** to cover the costs of all we are doing locally with the homeless population, the working poor and those who serve them. **We need office space** for training, **sponsorship for homeless clients taking classes, transportation costs, vehicles**, among other **operating costs**. We are **asking for a donation from your organization** to help make this auction a success in **raising the finances to cover this program, “Removing Barriers”....**

There are many ways you can help, from **giving monetarily**, providing **donated items for us to auction off**, by **purchasing/sponsoring a table** at the auction, providing **supplies for the homeless and working poor** during and after training sessions and or for their transition into stable living, providing **unwrapped gifts** to be presented at the Community Christian Celebration, providing or sponsoring **office space in Kent or surrounding cities** for training sites, providing **vehicles** for the ministry to more effectively transport people and or personal vehicles for ministry etc. Please consider the **great need** in our community **for removing barriers for healthy living**.

**Join forces with us** as we **combat homelessness** and other **destructive living circumstances**. You can **do this with a simple gift**. Your gift is **tax deductible** so while helping your community you are also **benefiting your business during tax time**. No gift is too small or too large. **Together we can battle the destructive forces in our community which seem to be affecting so many fragile souls**.

Thank you,  
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