

## Grant Application for Children’s Home Foundation July 27, 2020

**Applicant: The Left Out Organization Program (“L.O.O.P.”)**



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### APPLICATION FOR FUNDING COVER PAGE

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**Name of Organization** The Left Out Organization Program (“L.O.O.P.”)

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**Amount of Funding Requested** \$ 6,100

**Purpose of Funding Request** The objective is to provide healthy snacks and drinks, to promote better diet, and better emotional regulation for at-risk children. The goal is to provide nourishing snacks during the program to allow children to best participate and focus on activities that will benefit them.. As part of ongoing teaching about proper self care, L.O.O.P. teaches the value of following a proper diet. With the ability to provide healthy snacks, L.O.O.P. hopes to help children develop healthier eating patterns for their life, with benefits of lower rates of disease and longer life spans.

**Briefly describe your organization:**

A. Mission, Purpose and History

The Left Out Organization Program [L.O.O.P.] was established in 2002 by Pastor Dr. Anthony Burnett Sr., with the goal of keeping inner-city children and at-risk youth in Harrisburg off the streets. Our motto is “No Child Will be Left Out.”

L.O.O.P’s purpose is to not only keep children and youth safe, but to provide programs and guidance to establish a sense of hope and ambition and a wide variety of learning opportunities which promote physical, emotional, mental, spiritual and family health. Parental involvement is strongly encouraged.

L.O.O.P's mission is to give youth a sense of self-esteem as well as encourage teamwork, personal achievement, stability and personal responsibility. The values and principles taught in the program prepare young people for a positive future and the opportunity to become fully functional responsible healthy adults.

#### **B. Service Population and geographic area served**

L.O.O.P provides services to predominantly minority community children, 6 to 18 years of age, including low income, uninsured, under insured and socially and economically challenged children in Dauphin County, PA, concentrating on the City of Harrisburg. Programs are held at the Camp Curtin Academy 2900 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Downey School, 1313 Monroe St., Melrose School, 2041 Berryhill St. and other locations in Harrisburg, including a summer program at Emerald St Park and Reservoir Park. .

#### **C. Current Programs, activities and accomplishments**

L.O.O.P. offers the following free opportunities to an average of 320 children per week:

- After School Tutoring
- Workshops presenting various subject matters such as Career Choices, STEM, nutrition (utilizing guest speakers)
- Drug Awareness
- Self Esteem and Seven Habits of Effective People - Teach children the importance of learning how to apply themselves, achieving personal goals.
- Skill/Trade training, useful skills such as sewing, small repair, home economics, etc.
- Ethnic History - Educate children of various ethnic, racial, religious, cultural groups and different languages etc. teaching the value of each and appreciation for the diversity as well as similarities.
- Physical Health Awareness - Teach the importance of hygiene, healthy eating habits, regular exercise and mental health.
- Field Trips – Hiking, biking, visiting museums, cultural events, tour historical places.
- Recreational Programs - Sport opportunities provided to the children to encourage exercise opportunities, establish a sense of teamwork, providing positive family centered activities. This also provides an excellent teaching tool developing perseverance and self-discipline.
- One on one Mentoring
- Educational, Recreational and Intervention/Prevention and Nutritional/Healthy lifestyle choices

- Activities are scheduled every weekday evening, Sundays and every other Saturday.

During 2019 L.O.O.P. provided after school care and the summer program throughout the calendar year and various special event (see attached 2019 itinerary) at various locations throughout the Harrisburg area and beyond. Activities included field trips, sports activities, guest speakers, and spiritual and character development events.

The values and principles taught in the programs help prepare the participating children and youth for a positive future and give them an opportunity to become fully functional, responsible healthy adults who avoid criminal activities, violence and substance abuse. The number of participants and the fact that our program is growing attests to the need and the success of the organization. There are many successful graduates of the L.O.O.P. program.

### **Briefly Describe the project for which you are requesting funding**

Children come to the program asking for food and drinks. This is seen every session with the children.. Most children come from challenging daily situations, where food may not be as available as it should be... Some may not have had dinner when arriving at the program, and continually ask for something to eat.. Children who are hungry cannot focus on learning or any other activities as fully as when they feel full and satisfied. Numerous studies have shown that nutrition directly effects both emotional regulation and cognitive functioning. L.O.O.P. staff see this challenge daily as they interact with the children.. The options the children have are basically junk foods such as candy and sugary drinks. L.O.O.P. wants to provide nutritious snacks such as nuts, dried fruits, and natural fruit juices.

This project is to provide nourishing snacks during the program hours to allow the children to best participate and focus on activities that will benefit them..

The snacks would be purchased by L.O.O.P. staff in bulk to save money. And then divided into smaller individual portions for distribution to the children...

#### **A. Goals and Objectives**

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#### **B. Project Timetable, Budget and Benefits**

L.O.O.P. is seeking a grant of \$6,100. The proposed project budget is based on the estimated weekly cost to provide the healthy snacks and drinks for 50 children and youth

each evening for 5 days a week is \$ 305. This is based on providing a portion of sports drinks for electrolytes, bottles of water, fresh fruit, trail mix and fruit bars/granola bars for an estimate of \$305.00 per week. The request is for \$6,100 to fund 20 weeks of providing healthy snacks and beverages.

Project timing is ongoing: meaning, healthy snacks will be distributed as soon as funding is available and continued weekly for 20 weeks. It will be continued if L.O.O.P. can secure additional funding from other sources.

### **C. Constituency Served**

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### **D. Other Funding Sources and Amounts**

The L.O.O.P. program is dependent upon donations from area churches, businesses and private donations to continue offering the program opportunities to the children. In addition to applying for grants, the organization also conducts an annual fund raising campaign, accepts donations on its website and engages in fundraising activities, such as calendar sales. At this time, there is no money in the budget to offer healthy snacks and drinks to the children. This project is only possible with a grant as L.O.O.P.'s annual expenses were \$13,781.75, compared with cash donations of \$10,212 in 2019. L.O.O.P. has wanted to supply healthy snacks and drinks for many years, but needs additional funding to deliver it to the children that need it.

### **E. Project Benefits**

The benefit of the healthy snack and beverage project is a to support the learning of nutrition with practicing it, by consuming healthy snacks instead of the unhealthy artificially flavored foods and drinks that the youth are accustomed to. It will allow us to support a large number of area youth in learning healthy options for snacks, and hopefully make positive life changing diet decisions. We expect the children to learn about healthy diets and to begin to switch their tastes from sugary drinks and foods with artificial flavors to turning to nuts and seeds and dried and fresh fruits as they learn about the benefits of these foods. We expect to see the kids be more attentive and active during activities, as well as be better behaved. Reducing sugars and artificial flavors is expected to lead to more calming behaviors. With the ability to provide healthy snacks, L.O.O.P. hopes to help children develop healthier eating patterns for their life, with benefits of lower rates of disease and longer life spans..

L.O.O.P. is fully committed to protecting each child and staff member's safety at all times, and Covid 19 precautions are under constant review and consideration as new information is received; including state mandates and guidelines as well as school requirements. L.O.O.P.

will provide services to youth during the Covid 19 pandemic by having staff outside of the building checking each youth's temperature prior to entering building. Anyone with an elevated temperature will not be permitted into the program. Staff will spray hand sanitizer on every youth's hands, and all youth and staff must wear a face mask during the program. Masks will be provided. All equipment will be sterilized before and after use, and staff will encourage hand washing and promote social distancing practices. The same precautions will be maintained during the summer program at Emerald St Park and Reservoir Park.

#### **F. How is this Project Different from others in the Area**

This project differs from other back to school programs in the area because L.O.O.P. has roots and connections in the minority community, has an understanding of the needs of the community and is able to reach out to meet the needs of the low income, uninsured, under insured children and youth in the Harrisburg community. L.O.O.P. also is not aware of any other similar program in the Harrisburg area.

#### **Attachments**

- A. List of L.O.O.P. Board of Directors (see letterhead)
- B. Copy of 2019 Income and Expense statements and 990 Postcard
- C. Copy of L.O.O.P. 501(c) Letter
- D. Copy of L.O.O.P. registration with PA Bureau of Charitable Organizations
- E. 2019 Field Trip Itinerary

**2019**

**L.O.O.P. Boyz & Girlz**



02/15/19

**Snow Tubing**

Ski Round Top

02/24/19

**Gannett Fleming Annual Ice-skating party**

Twin Pines West

04/14/19

**Kingdom Youth Ministry Easter Dinner**

**06/06/19**

**Soul Circus field trip**

6901 Security Blvd Baltimore Maryland

06/09/19

**First Annual Brian K. Patterson Anti Bullying Family Dinner**

06/29/19

**Annual Youth 10Xs Better Wheel A Thon with Reverend James Lyles**

Wesley AME Church 64 Ann Street

Middletown PA

**Date tbd**

**Annual Rumble at Ross's basketball tournament**

Rutherford Park

**Date tbd**

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**Date tbd**

**Annual L.O.O.P. summer program end of summer swimming party**  
Jackson Lick, Harrisburg, PA

**Date tbd**

**Little Buffalo Field trip**  
Little Buffalo State Park

**08/11/2019**

**Kingdom Youth Ministry/L.O.O.P. Annual Back to School event**  
WHD Community Room

**08/24/2019**

**Annual Fall Bike Ride with Trips for Kids**  
Reservoir Park and Greenbelt

**Date tbd**

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth and Adult Job and Resource fair**  
Harrisburg Mall

**Date tbd**

**Recovery Day**  
Center court Harrisburg Mall

**9/28/2019**

**Annual Fall Bike Ride with Trips for Kids**  
Reservoir Park and Greenbelt

**Date tbd**

**Kingdom Youth Ministry Thanksgiving dinner**

**Date tbd**

**Annual Christmas at Italian Lake**  
4<sup>th</sup> and Division Street Harrisburg PA

**Date tbd**

**Annual Kwanza Event with Drs. Nathaniel and Patricia Gadsden**  
Harrisburg Mall

**Date tbd**

**Kingdom Youth Ministry Holiday Party**  
William Howard Day Homes Harrisburg, PA

**Date tbd**

**Dauphin County 7th Annual Holiday Party**  
Farm Show Harrisburg, PA

**Date tbd**

**Evening open gym holiday party**  
Camp Curtain School

**Date tbd**

**Evening Open gym holiday party**  
Downey School

**Date tbd**

**Roller Skating with PAL/Heart 2 Heart**  
Olympic Skating Rink Enola PA



## COMBINED CHECKING & SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCES

	<b>2018</b> 12 Months		<b>2019</b> 12 Months		<b>2020</b> 7 Months
1/1	\$ 180	1/1	\$ 6,764	1/1	\$ 3,260
12/31	\$ 6,860	12/31	\$ 3,260	7/31	\$ 3,134

## PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

### INCOME

Donations	\$ 12,325
Misc.	\$ 879
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$ 13,204</u></b>

### EXPENSES

Administrative	\$ 706
Advertising	\$ -
Auto Service	\$ 219
Bank Charges	\$ -
Car Rental	\$ 147
Clothing	\$ 423
Computer	\$ 426
Donations Given	\$ 50
Equipment	\$ 80
Furniture	\$ -
Event	\$ 1,020
Food	\$ 646
Gas & Tolls	\$ 1,340
Insurance	\$ 1,388
Misc.	\$ -
Musical Equip.	\$ -
Reward	\$ -
Office Supplies	\$ 139
Vehicle	\$ 42
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$ 6,626</u></b>

**NET INCOME (LOSS) \$ 6,578**

### INCOME

Donations	\$ 10,212
Misc.	\$ 140
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$ 10,352</u></b>

### EXPENSES

Administrative	\$ 463
Advertising	\$ 1,151
Auto Service	\$ 1,019
Bank Charges	\$ -
Car Rental	\$ -
Clothing	\$ 416
Computer	\$ 45
Donations Given	\$ 500
Equipment	\$ 569
Furniture	\$ -
Events	\$ 5,060
Food	\$ 1,329
Gas & Tolls	\$ 915
Insurance	\$ 1,865
Misc.	\$ 34
Musical Equip.	\$ -
Reward	\$ -
Office Supplies	\$ 175
Vehicle	\$ 42
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$ 13,582</u></b>

**NET INCOME (LOSS) \$ (3,230)**

### INCOME

Donations	\$ 6,360
Misc.	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$ 6,360</u></b>

### EXPENSES

Administrative	\$ 546
Advertising	\$ -
Auto Service	\$ 634
Bank Charges	\$ 20
Car Rental	\$ -
Clothing	\$ 30
Computer	\$ 63
Donations Given	\$ 200
Equipment	\$ 254
Furniture	\$ 196
Events	\$ 2,587
Food	\$ 236
Gas & Tolls	\$ 477
Insurance	\$ 930
Misc.	\$ -
Musical Equip.	\$ 42
Reward	\$ 125
Office Supplies	\$ 61
Vehicle	\$ 86
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$ 6,487</u></b>

**NET INCOME (LOSS) \$ (127)**