### Mini Proposal

# Help Our Community Build A PlaySpace!

#### Introduction

Each day Sponsor 1, Sponsor 2, and hundreds of community members are working together to create a safe place for children to learn, grow and develop a positive sense of self. Above and beyond that, we are creating a structure for broad-based community participation and developing strategies to act as catalysts for long-term community investment.

On August 16 in Clark City, the entire community will be behind the construction of a new playspace; an oldfashioned "barn raising" will create the much-needed space to play!

The project will serve three goals:

- ☆ Bring the entire community together
- ☆ Build a playspace
- ☆ Create a safe space for children and families to gather

The project has been founded by caring community members working alongside the staff members of organizations as diverse as Nonprofit, Sponsor 3, and Sponsor 4. Every committee involved in the planning process –from the food committee to the fundraising committee- takes into consideration the well-being of our community's children in every decision made. Our diversity in terms of agencies, ages and neighborhoods contributes to the reality that grassroots efforts are at the heart of any movement to create a stronger and more unified city.

## **The Project**

Beginning April 24th, the entire community will convene for the playspace Design Day. This is the day the children will submit their dream playspace drawings to a playspace designer who will incorporate the ideas into the final structure. The adults will have the opportunity to ask questions and volunteer to play an integral part in the playspace building process.

In August, at the actual Playspace Build, the community will unite again for a day of drilling, hammering, painting and landscaping. During the Build, the children will have activities planned specifically for them, and the adults will work together with shovels, wrenches, screwdrivers and power tools to assemble the play structure. Everyone will gather for lunch provided by the food committee and snacks will be available throughout the day.

The Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony at the completion of the Build will be the highlight of the project. This will give the large donors, community leaders and children the opportunity to publicly thank the greater community for their help in developing and producing a playspace where we can all gather for fun activities.

### Partnership with You

Any Business USA can help! Never before has a project been founded on the diverse and grassroots support of local agencies working alongside community members. Our community has the rare opportunity to join together and make a positive difference in the lives of children. This project needs a corporation as rooted in the city as Any Business USA to make it possible.

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We are requesting a tax-deductible donation of \$3,000-\$5,000 to help underwrite the cost of the playspace and/or an in-kind donation to be used as part of the planning process and on Build Day. Since the playspace relies heavily on in-kind support, the impact of your financial donation will be powerful. We even encourage you to designate which aspect of the budget you would like

to cover so that we can provide you with a bill linking your donation directly to that costs. In addition, we want your organization to be represented alongside our other sponsoring organizations on T-shirts, posters and/or permanent playspace plaques which will be designed by the children.

We invite you to our planning meeting to watch our idealism at work. My Co-chair and I are more than happy to meet with you at your earliest convenience to discuss the events further. We know that the playspace will not only be a safe place for children to learn and grow, but the process will act as a catalyst for long-term community investment, participation and ownership. We need a partner, a friend and an ally like Any Business USA to build beside us as we will all benefit from the well-being of our children.

### The Budget

Please feel free to choose an area for which your organization would like to see its donation designated.

Tools/Materials\$30,000 Play equipment Rental tools Skilled Operators
Site Improvement
Production Cost
Advertising and Administration
Food/Drink
Maintenance\$5,000 Surfacing Replenishment Repairs Painting