

CHILDREN OF LIGHT RESOURCE CENTER

4-6 W 21st Street Richmond, Virginia 23224

Applicants Report

The Children Of Light Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit organization registered with the IRS. Our intention is to establish a community resource center located at 4- 20 W 21st Street Richmond, Virginia 23224 dubbed "The Lighthouse". The Children Of Light, established in 1998, is dedicated to the positive advancement of inner city youth, their families and the community at-large, by providing access to vital resources, viable information and relevant programs that will get our families on the road to independence, prosperity and self-sufficiency. To accomplish our goals, we have partnered with a myriad of community stakeholders, over the years, including: Richmond Public Schools, Democracy Centers Of Virginia, Richmond's Crusade For Voters, Metropolitan Business League, Richmond Sheriff's Department, Richmond Police Department, S.E.E.D Initiative, Communities In Schools, Second Baptist Church, Richmond's First Baptist Church, Swansboro Civic Association, Richmond Heritage Federal Credit Union, Stop The Violence RVA, Richmond's Liaison For Homeless Affairs, S.E.A.C, Gateway Community Health, N.A.A.C.P, VCU Pathways, Richmond Emergency Shelters and many others. Our normal hours of operation will be Monday-Saturday from 9am-8pm, although, our emergency intake hotline is always available 24 hours a day at (888) 787-6188.

Our main offices (4-6 W 21st Street, Lot #55 on site plan) will be staffed by 2 resource representatives and 1 resource manager. They will provide customer service/intake/referral services for a variety resources and services that include, but not limited to: voter registration and restoration of rights, case management for homeless referees, mental health services, continuing education, affordable housing, re-entry programs and services, financial literacy programs, job readiness training and placement programs, credit repair, legal services, bail bonding services, RPS programs, youth programs, ID recovery services, as well as, food and clothing distribution. Our main office will also be equipped to assist business owners with a robust suite of business services including business plans and assist in business establishment (LLC, EIN, business license, zoning permits, etc.), accounting services, taxes, printing services, graphic design, web design, mobile marketing, branding and creative networking services and a variety of promotional items. While our guests wait for certain services or resources to be delivered or completed, they may enjoy the "Lighthouse Courtyard".

The Lighthouse Courtyard, will be located on the properties northside (8-20 W21st St Lots #56-#59 on site plan). This fenced-in area (.20 acres) will allow our guests to benefit from the openness of the outside while enjoying our high- speed internet and other amenities such as; soft conversational music, shaded yard, cold beverages and light snacks. There will be seating available for up to 20 guests, at any given time, daily. Each month, we will hold special community events in the courtyard. These events can have a maximum guest list of 40 people and can include speakers, live music, games, movies, art exhibits, legislative presentations, yard sales and a variety of community related programs. We currently have plans to hold a maximum of 15 such events yearly, with the majority planned on weekends, between the hours of 10am-8pm. Though the majority of our events will be family-friendly, we will host

couple or adulted oriented events such as wine tastings, paint-n-sips, etc.,that will include alcohol. The Lighthouse will be one of few outside venues in Southside safe for small social or private gatherings such as repasses, receptions that can be rented inexpensively. As a safety measure, we will have the brothers of Masonic Lodges Daniel #7 and Jacob #11, as well as, other security personnel present at all events. At no time will our activities interfere with the overall safety and serenity of our guests, our neighbors or the community-at large. For questions or concerns, please contact Rev. Garry M. Callis, Sr. at (804)357-0772