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FALL '09 – WINTER '10 SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

Winner: Tammy Johnston

College/University: University of Nevada, Reno

Topic Title: Educating Poor Children

Tammy's winning entry follows below.

Topic:

Children attending public schools need to be given the highest quality education in order to want to go to college.

Why This Problem is Urgent Now:

In order to solve the major problem in communities of poor people they need to have the desire to reach out of poverty and into the upper middle class or higher. The only way for most people do this is through higher education.

Tammy Johnston's ProblemSolver Solution:

I propose an educational enterprise zone. This building project has three layers with a school at the center, housing surrounding the school and an enterprise zone in the outermost layer.

This is a building project that has a pre-k through grade 12 college prep school. The school is run from 7am till 6pm.

The housing layer also has a social services building for parent education. All forms of parent education will happen here from parenting skills, G.E.D. and college prep.

All adults living in the complex must attend the next level of education that they have not completed up to a BA or BS degree. All those that have reached the Degree level will have a choice to go into business for themselves or work for someone else.

If they go into business for themselves they can use the enterprise zone to set up their business. They will get help with everything they need to create a viable business.

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