

NEXT LEVEL LIVING

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WELCOME!

We are so excited to announce the formation of Next Level Living (NLL), a not-for-profit organization.

NLL is a workforce development organization with the main objective of equipping lives to reach their “next level.”

Thank you for taking time to read the very first edition of our “Level Up” Newsletter.

We hope you enjoy and will stay connected with the dynamic vision of NLL!

Our **MOTTO**: “Equipping you for the Next Level”

Our **VISION**: We are determined to help break the cycle of poverty for those in under-served communities and to encourage individuals to reach for their next level of living.

Our **MISSION**: We are a non-profit organization that provides various workforce development services including: GED preparedness curriculum; computer literacy training; job interview coaching; job placement assistance, and post-placement consultation and support. We are purposed to encourage, equip and empower the community to always plan and prepare to go to their next level of living.

“If you can’t fly, then run. If you can’t run, then walk. If you can’t walk, then crawl. But whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward.”

– Martin Luther King Jr.

OUR CURRENT STATUS

NLL will be headquartered in the great city of Robbins, IL. We are currently still in the planning phase of our development. We are in the process of applying for 501c3 tax-exempt status with the IRS. The creation and development of an NLL’s website is also currently on the radar.

Additionally, we are mapping out the logistical details for our GED Preparedness curriculum; computer literacy training and job skill training programs. Our goal is that every NLL program be planned, developed and executed with excellency and in a manner that each of our program participants receive the very best training, empowerment, and service.



We’re going all the way up!

THE TRUTH IS...

The average poverty level for the city of Robbins, IL and nine other surrounding cities* within a seven mile radius is 25.73. This is over ten percent higher than the national poverty level. The average unemployment rate among these cities is 11.58%; more than tripling the national unemployment rate. Additionally, approximately 26% of the population within this 10-city range receive welfare (food stamps assistance). Further disturbing is that 18% of adults 25 years of age lack a high school education.



Sherrie Flowers, CEO & Executive Director

Our CEO

After researching the alarming “Truth” as stated above, our CEO, was even more determined to move forward with the vision of NLL. Both Sherrie’s passion for education and her desire to want to see people advance beyond their current state, played a very instrumental role in the vision and now birthing of Next Level Living. Sherrie believes that, with proper equipping, empowerment, and information; every life is just a step away from reaching their next level. With over twenty years of human resources experience in various aspects of the profession (recruiting, employee relations, benefits administration, learning & development, organizational development and project management); Sherrie is ready and well-suited to lead the strategic plan to make NLL a leading workforce development organization.

Sherrie is currently a human resources professional at a large global financial institution. She holds a Masters of Human Resources (MSHR) from Loyola University Chicago; a Masters of Theological Studies (MThSt) from Liberty Theological Seminary; and Bachelors Degree in Business Administration (Marketing) from Western Illinois University.

Sherrie and her husband, Ron Flowers, are proud parents of three wonderful children; Ron Jr. (RJ), Sheridan Elise and Carson Josiah (CJ). Sherrie is also author of the wonderfully inspiring book; Game Time: Achieving Victory through Wholeness.

OUR SERVICES

GED PREPARATION

- Comprehensive review of test subjects utilizing practice test, training videos, live instruction
- Assistance with obtaining certification upon passing and completion of exam

JOB SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

- Basic computer literacy
- Microsoft Office Suite Training
- Basic Typing Skills Enrichment
- Effective Communication Skills development
- Extensive and comprehensive Customer Service training
- Extensive and comprehensive Administrative support training

JOB PLACEMENT ASSISTANCE

- Resume consultation
- Job interview role play and coaching
- Building self-confidence
- Interview scheduling assistance
- Follow-up coaching after the interview
- Post-placement Coaching
- Fax and email access

LIFE ENHANCEMENT SERVICES

- Financial Literacy Resources
- Building Healthy Habits

What's Next!

- Pilot program to kick off in the Fall
- Seeking volunteers to assist with facilitating GED courses
- Seeking volunteers (preferably with HR experience) to assist with job training, job placement and interview coaching initiatives
- Seeking to obtain laptops for classes
- Seeking to finalize choice for and obtain curriculum for GED classes
- Seeking to purchase Microsoft Certification training materials
- Seeking to purchase customer service training certification materials

*Population includes the following Illinois cities: *Alsip, Blue Island, Dolton, Harvey, Markham, Midlothian, Phoenix, Posen, Riverdale, and Robbins*. Although statistical data for these specific cities are used; NLL programs and services are open to all eligible potential participants that meet all eligibility and commitment requirements. These cities were chosen as they cover average travel distance around the central location for NLL

Please contact NLL if you are interesting in learning more about volunteer opportunities at NLL or; if you know of someone that could benefit from the NLL programs.

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