



**NEXT LEVEL LIVING**  
*Equipping you for the Next Level*

# LEVEL UP!

The Newsletter of NLL - Volume 1 – Issue 2

## WELCOME!

We are so excited to continue to share our progress with 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 our “Level Up” Newsletter.

We hope you enjoy and will stay connected with us!



Our **VISION**: We are determined to help break the cycle of poverty for those in underserved 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; career skills development; job interview coaching; job placement assistance, and post-placement consultation and support. We are purposed to encourage, equip and empower our communities to plan and prepare to go to their next level of living.

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*“The ones who are crazy enough to think they can change the world, are the ones that do.”*

*–Anonymous*

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## OUR CURRENT STATUS

Whew.....things have been busy at NLL! For sure it takes a lot of time, work and energy to start up a successful organization however; we are definitely up for the challenge. We are happy to announce that we are progressing well!

As we continue planning in Phase 1 of our development; we have made great strides! We have established an official business bank account. We are finalizing the 501c application to obtain tax-exempt status. Additionally, we are absolutely elated that our NLL website is under construction...yaaay! We can't wait to unveil our site with you..hold tight..it's coming soon! Also, look for us soon on social media.

And oh yeah, check out our new official logo in the upper lefthand corner of this newsletter!!

Finally, we continue to map out the 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 FACTS ARE...

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. The vision of NLL is to overcome these facts with the truth that there is hope and the Next Level of Living is possible.

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### From the desk of our CEO:

Have you ever desired to do something to help someone get ahead in life; to give them hope for their future; to help change the very trajectory of their life? You wanted to do SOMETHING but, couldn't quite figure out how to truly go about making an impact in their life.

Well, if you're anything like me, your answer is a resounding...YES! Let me first say that you indeed have a big heart. Let me secondly share that getting involved with the vision of NLL will absolutely give you that opportunity to make a REAL impact in someone's life; an impact that will for sure help them go to their **NEXT LEVEL!**

The bottom line is that a huge part of the success and strength of any non-profit organization comes from it's supporters. So needless to say, NLL needs the help of supporters to carry out our vision; to break the cycle of poverty by equipping our community for their next level!

I would personally like to encourage you to review the various ways to get involved below and carefully consider taking action today to help us impact lives.

Living in destiny,

*Sherrie*



Sherrie Flowers, CEO/Executive Director

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\*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



## Intern

(Human resources experience preferred; HR degree candidate also welcomed)

- Job Placement Assistant
- Interview Coaching Consultant
- Resume Consultant
- Recruiter

## Volunteer:

- GED Class Facilitator (curriculum provided)
- Grant Writers
- Class Assistant (administrative assistance)
- Fundraisers

## Financial Support

There is absolutely no amount too small to make an impact to the life of someone trying to go to their next level. Your donation will result in helping someone's dream of reaching their "Next" a reality. Every donation is secure and is greatly appreciated.

Think you can't make a difference? Just look below to view some of the expenses (per client) related to the various necessities for running NLL programs and services. Your donation of **any** increment WILL make a difference.

GED Class Materials;	\$25
Computer Training Course:	\$50
Basic typing skills:	\$35
Customer Service Training Class:	\$50
Laptops (for class use)	\$300

## 2 Ways to donate:

Paypal: [nextlevelforliving@gmail.com](mailto:nextlevelforliving@gmail.com)

OR

CashApp: \$NLL18

## OUR SERVICES

GED PREPARATION	CAREER SKILLS DEVELOPMENT	JOB PLACEMENT ASSISTANCE	LIFE ENHANCEMENT SERVICES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Comprehensive curriculum review of all four test subjects; utilizing practice test, training videos and live instruction</li><li>•Assistance with obtaining certification upon passing and completion of exam</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Basic computer literacy</li><li>•Microsoft Office Suite Training</li><li>•Basic Typing Skills Enrichment</li><li>•Effective Communication Skills development</li><li>•Extensive and comprehensive Customer Service training</li><li>•Extensive and comprehensive Administrative support training</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Resume consultation</li><li>•Job interview role play and coaching</li><li>•Building self-confidence</li><li>•Interview scheduling assistance</li><li>•Follow-up coaching after the interview</li><li>•Post-placement Coaching</li><li>•Fax and email access</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Financial Literacy Resources</li><li>•Having Healthy Habits</li><li>•Credit building workshops</li><li>•Home ownership seminars</li></ul>

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

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