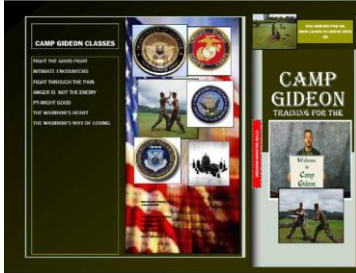


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ASHARA FAMILY OF MINISTRIES Charter Partner Package



LEGACY
BUILDERS



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Founded 2003



Incorporated 2003

Ashara Ministries is an award winning, non-profit, charitable organization incorporated under the laws of the state of Tennessee.

The purpose of Ashara Ministries is to develop our key resource, which is people.

Michael Donaldson CEO John Edwards VCEO
Kevin Lyon- Treasurer Kathy Hines Secretary

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LETTER FROM THE CEO

Welcome our award winning family, a family daring to Rise and be healed. When Christ called to Lazarus to come forth, hHe called him from the clutches of death. I too invite you to leave the dead and walk among the living. There is no greater life than to serve your fellow man.

Over the years, the look of Ashara has changed, but the mission remains the same. Ashara is dedicated to making the world a better place, helping along the way, learning, and achieving the goal of facilitating better lives. Ashara is rigid, because we are responsible for stewardship over other people monies, grants, and above all people. Hard does not mean bad, we believe that no matter what we may encounter, those we reach have even a tougher time.

The Ashara Cadre is strict about compliance and I am serious about getting rid of dead weight. I will always be there to aid you in any way possible but I admonish you not to take the freedom you have been granted lately. It too can be rescinded as quickly and easily as it was given. Salvation cost you nothing, but it cost Christ everything. I expect no less than your best. Here at Ashara we build people not churches, the first step in that process is for you to commit with me now to setting your sights on staying vigilant in service.

Join us

Sincerely,

Michael Donaldson

CEO - ASHARA FAMILY OF MINISTRIES

ASHARA MINISTRIES: RISE AND BE HEALED

The History of Ashara Ministries

{RISE AND BE HEALED}

Ashara Ministries came into existence in September of 2003 in Music city USA. Nashville Tennessee houses a great many treasures, the greatest of all of these treasures are the lost, hurt, needy sheep strewn throughout the city. The founder and CEO of Ashara Ministries Michael Donaldson saw a great need and followed God's heed to feed HIS sheep. When asked if he loved the Christ Peter replied three times the Anointed One responded, "Then feed my sheep." We launched ourselves into the deep, the waters we know to have the greatest number of wonderful fish, and pray for HIS rod and HIS staff to continually comfort us.

This non-profit organization is not a church yet we spread the word. We are not a kitchen yet we feed the poor, and we are not clothiers yet we shelter and clothe the poor. We do this for one reason and one reason only; because we love the Lord our God above all. We take the concept of perfecting the saints to heart and we produce, mend, end to, nourish, and faster hurting, rejected, scared and unhappy sheep. If you find that your life or church no longer has a place for you allow us to offer you one.

The need for the street outreach is apparent. The problem with the previous attempts is that they have failed to address the fundamental issue; not where the people are, but why they are there. Empirical data suggests that drugs, prostitution, homosexuality, and crime are a manifestation of deeper problems. The addressing of these problems is fundamental to assisting these lost sheep. Yet, another issue is the addressing of the concept of *lost sheep*. We must understand that not all people who are living destitute are lost. As the prodigal in the son, some have chosen to live with the swine. We were called to help the *lost: the others our beyond our reach*.

There are three fundamental areas common to all of the lost sheep: lack of love, lack of attention, and lack of discipline. The other problem has always been that after churches have done their thing they walk away and leave the lost sheep in the wilderness. Jesus never left anybody where they were after He saved them, we should not either. Lest as the scripture reads that their new state become worse than the first. Research has shown the rehabs on average take at least eight tries before they effect a change on people. We need to offer three things in the street outreach.

- 1) The Love of God.
- 2) A new outlook on life-that includes education, change in environment, and a loving ear to cry into.
- 3) A place (church and transportation to and from) for the lost to go to escape the wiles of the world, a place of relative safety in the storm.

Anything less than the afore mentioned approaches would be wasting time. Appealing to the creature comforts is not what they need, that just leaves comfortable creature in a pigpen. What they need is food, clothes, and love-but most of all they need Jesus. We are the ones instructed to show them Him.

This Faith-based Corporation is formed for scientific, educational, and charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law). Its specific purposes are:

- (a) To find creative ways to feed and clothe the less fortunate.
- (b) To find creative ways to educate the less fortunate.
- (c) To help re-integrate former inmates into their family, society and the workplace.
- (d) To find creative ways to house and employ the less fortunate.
- (e) To help those damaged and destroyed by drugs.
- (f) To help victims of incest, rape and domestic abuse.
- (h.) To support, manage, produce, and distribute noncommercial, community based media programs;
 - (i.) To develop and promote the concept of community (public, educational, governmental, and institutional) access to existing and future communications media.
 - (j) To establish, maintain and operate one (1) or more media access center(s): (1.) To educate and train individuals and nonprofit organizations and institutions in the use of various media tools and techniques.
 - (k.) To provide individuals and nonprofit organizations and institutions with access to various media tools and assistance in their use.
 - (l.) To promote programs and support the use of various media as vehicles of artistic expression.
 - (m.) To establish, maintain and operate a system or systems for the distribution of various non-commercial media programs and materials, in the public interest.
 - (n.) To facilitate the use of access channels as a public forum which promotes a free exchange of ideas and information;
 - (o.) To promote and develop activities and programs for the optimal utilization of the
 - (p.) To serve access viewers and users with programs reflecting the activities, concerns, and interests of the residents of the Nashville area in a manner that promotes a free exchange of ideas and information;
 - (q.) To create and maintain an environment which enables a diversity of peoples and viewpoints and ensures that no individual is discriminated against with regard to membership, services, access to information or any activity because of race, national origin, sex, age, religion, disability, political affiliation, or economic status.
 - (r.) To make recommendations to users and to cable communication franchisee(s) in regard to access services and institutional network services;
 - (s.) To apply for and to receive contributions, grants, donations, and loans of all types from individuals, organizations, profit and nonprofit, public and private corporations, government agencies and others to support these purposes;
 - (t.) To determine and conduct or support any and all other lawful things in furtherance of the foregoing charitable and educational purposes, either, manifest or latent.
 - (u) Maximize the quality of service to theological field education;
 - (v) Provide for optimal growth and development of field education personnel;
 - (w) Achieve maximum input from field education personnel to development of strategies for theological education;
 - (x) Develop and maintain an atmosphere for maximum input of content fields into experience-centered learning;
 - (y) Provide for optimal participation of education personnel in education programs.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- 1) 501c3 benefits and abilities
- 2) Member resources
 - People
 - Facilities
 - Activities
- 3) Organizational development and skills.
- 4) Increased exposure to Christians
- 5) Increased distribution for artists
- 6) Develop interpersonal skills
 - Leadership development
- 7) Cost effectiveness organization.
- 8) Develop maintain and complete your
- 9) Assistance in Artistic endeavors
- 10) Increased fellowship.
- 11) Freedom from tradition.
- 12) Innovative programs.
- 13) Access to grants, grant writing and grant writing assistance.
- 14) Part of a functioning out reach that is completely family oriented.
- 15) Privilege of representing your church in all functions.
- 16) Freedom to grow.
- 17) Networking.
- 18) Support Groups.
- 19) Artist development
 - Publishing
 - Representation
 - Music
 - Films
 - Screenplays
- 20) Small business management training.
- 21) Network with Christians families and kids.
- 22) Educational Opportunities.
- 23) Best of all: A chance to actually serve God, verses sitting on the side lines.

Benefits of Center for Non-profit Management Excellence Network Members

1. Receive Workshop Savings

As a member, your organization saves money when you come join CNM to learn from our national and regional experts. Members of CNM save 31 percent on half-day workshops and 24 percent on full-day workshops.

2. Get In-depth Consulting

Our consultants provide in-depth attention to your specific needs. Members save 10 percent on consulting services.

3. Save Even More

If your budget is under \$750,000, your organization is eligible for Match Grants. These funds, provided by The Frist Foundation, allow you to receive even more discounts on most CNM services and products. For example, if your budget is \$140,000, you can send a representative to a full-day workshop for \$23.75.

4. Post Job Announcements

Members of CNM can post job announcements free on CNM's Web site. This page receives more than 20,000 hits per month! Many members have hired someone who heard about the job on our site, and several organizations have stopped advertising elsewhere!

5. Purchase Management Tools

CNM sells a variety of products, such as the new edition of the Grantseeker's Guide to Tennessee Funders and the updated Human Resource Policy Manual to help your organization meet its mission. Members save 15 to 40 percent on these products.

6. Access Knowledge

CNM's experienced staff and adjunct consultants are here to help you in any way we can. It's our mission! Do you have a burning question you need answered? Use the member InfoLine, info@cnm.org.

7. Research

With CNM's Web site (www.cnm.org), you get direct access to online resources, links to articles about current trends and issues, and more. You also have access to the Nonprofit Library at CNM and can check out videos at no charge.

8. Attend Free Briefings

Members can attend any of the 15-18 briefings we offer each year at no cost.

9. Networking and Professional Development

CNM offers free forums to members. These events are also valuable networking opportunities that will discuss changes in the nonprofit climate of Middle Tennessee. Over 500 nonprofit organizations take advantage of being a member of the Center for Nonprofit Management each year. Here are 10 reasons your organization should too.