Grace Place School
A ROAD TO HOPE

MINISTRY OVERVIEW

Our Mission, Vision, and Values

Vision: Grace Place School desires to see South Florida's youth free from sex trafficking and destructive lifestyles.

Mission: Our mission is to creatively meet the educational, spiritual, and therapeutic needs of at risk youth in order to empower them to reach their God given potential.

Values: Centered on Christ, exhibiting grace, integrity, safety, and excellence.

Our Calling and History

Our calling is rooted in *Isaiah 58:6 where God asks us to "...loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke."*

- **2006:** A raid was done on a brothel two blocks from the home of Elizabeth Coldren. They were selling 10 year old girls for sex to 15-20 men a night. She broke before the Lord and vowed to do whatever He told her in response to the problem of domestic sex trafficking.
- **2011:** The vision of Grace Place School was birthed due to the lack of Christ centered, alternative educational and life skill programs for vulnerable teens.
- **2012:** Grace Place School was incorporated.
- **March 2014:** Grace Place School receives 501C3 charitable status.

We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone.

Our Model

Grace Place School is distinct from other programs for at risk youth in that it offers the following Core Program Components in a Christ centered, Biblically based setting:

Job Skills and Life Skills

- Extensive Job skills Training
- Life Skills – budgeting, financial management, relationships, etc
- Career Exploration and Entrepreneurship
- Job Coaching for Acquisition and Retention of Employment
- On the Job Experience with a GPS associated business.

Arts Enrichment (Expansion Goal)

- Art Therapy and Discovery
- Photography, Video Production
- Equestrian (Available in the summers)

Academic Achievement: (Expansion Goal)

- Life Skills Reading and Math
- Credit Recovery – Teacher Directed and on line learning
- GED Preparation and Acquisition – Teacher Directed and on line learning

The goal of the Core Components is to holistically meet needs enabling students to reach their God given potential. A student may participate in any or all of the Core Components. Their individual path is determined by their academic, life, and career assessment and goals.

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Ministry Results to Date

Number of people served annually:

Summer 2013 - Fall 2016 – We have served a total of 93 students. Of those 93 students, 23 students were repeat participants having attended two or more of our programs. Seven of the students have been with us for two – three years. Due to the high need level of our students and our desire to maximize life changing impact, we maintain a maximum of 20 students in any one program. Maintaining repeat students is desirable and is a positive indicator that we are meeting needs in a way that encourages students to keep coming back. This also allows up to build deeper and more effective relationships with the students and families.

2017 – Our goal is to have 62 students participating with a goal of 30 or more attending multiple programs.

Grace Place School Prayer Strategy

In acknowledgment that, "without God we can do nothing" we seek God boldly and consistently in prayer. A prayer team prays regularly and prayer requests are communicated monthly.

Grace Place School Board of Directors

Pastor Stephen Geiger: Board Chair; spiritual advisor. Pastor, Gracepoint Church.

Ken DuCasse: Member. Aluminum Consultant. Former Pastor of Open Door Bible.

R. Thomas Mould: Treasurer. Owner of Valley Accounting & Tax

Grace Place School Human Resources

- Staff: Executive Director. One part time Admin Assistant/Program Coordinator.
- 5-15 volunteers at any one time who give 15-45 hours per week cumulatively.

Ministry Funding Plan

	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Actual	2017 Budget
Total Income	$16, 086	$40,436	$67,030	$140,000

- Currently, 100% of the budget comes from private and foundation donations and small fees for service. A critical part of our long range sustainability goals is to start micro businesses that can employ students and funnel profits into the school.
- The Board gives and/or raises a percentage of the budget.
- Our funding strategies include: casting vision to individuals, churches, and corporations, state scholarships, grants, fund raising events, and consistent, positive donor relations.

Grace Place School Expansion Goals

2017 – Procure permanent space
2017 – Open and operate one small business/enterprise to provide on the job training for students and an income flow to the school.
2017-2018 – Add GED preparation and/or school credit recovery programs
2017-2018 – Hire one full time and one part time staff member to facilitate expansion programs
Ongoing - Match all students with adult Christian mentors and job coaches.

Program Evaluation:

Each student receives individual success goals and these will be evaluated through teacher and parent observation, student and community reporting, and skill level testing.

Ministry Current Needs

- Scholarships for students at: **$325, $650, $575, or $1,000 per student**.
- An additional $2,000 in monthly partnerships.
- Hire a program manager and one assistant with experience working with at risk teens.
- Full time or part time interns and missionaries to join in the work of the school.
- A permanent facility to accommodate 20 students at one time.
- Additional active and invested Board members and Board of Influencers.
- A ten passenger van, classroom computers, printers, e-readers, school supplies, and gift cards from Publix, WalMart, Aldi's, or BJ's.

Grace Place School is a registered 501C3 nonprofit organization. Contributions to Grace Place School are tax deductible to the extent permitted by the law. Grace Place School's tax identification number is 17053214317022.

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