July 7, 2016

Dear Neighbor:

This letter is being sent to you on behalf of The Magnanimous Man of Tomorrow program to ask for your support. Please read the enclosed information and if you feel this is a program you would be interested in supporting please send your letter of support on company letterhead to:

The Magnanimous Man of Tomorrow P.O. Box 6562 Milwaukee, WI 53206

Or email to:

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The Magnanimous Man of Tomorrow program looks forward to receiving your support and sharing more information about this much needed program for our youth.

Sincerely,

Dr. LaMaris Mays

### Introduction

### **Background of Organization**

**The Magnanimous Man of Tomorrow** (MMT) was founded by Manchu Samurai Ltd, with the intent to provide support and educational services to adolescent young men that are headed for a life of crime in the Milwaukee Metropolitan area.

It is currently governed by a volunteer Board of Directors whose members are professional leaders in the fields of Business, Education, Community Service, Law Enforcement, and Government. Members of the Board of Directors are dedicated and committed to positively impacting the African American community by providing a literacy based, character building curriculum and learning experience that will transform at-risk young men and empower them to make value based economic and social decisions to promote economic and academic competence for themselves and their families.

### **Philosophy**

The philosophy of **The Magnanimous Man of Tomorrow** (MMT) School is embodied within its name. "*Magnanimous*" refers to *noble of heart and mind*. Considering this, the philosophy of MMT is to provide a literacy program that builds up and empowers the "whole" man-mind, body, and soul. The belief that young at-risk males can be transformed into superior men who are noble in heart and mind resounds in this school of thought. Given the appropriate resources and services that will "even the playing field", young males can not only achieve their academic and career goals, but they can become productive, literate members of society.

## **Enrollment**

The program will house 50 students for the first 90 days of the program. It will then enroll 50 more students every 90 days there after until it reaches a total of 400 students. The enrollment will begin with students between the ages of 14 and 18.

Even if the courts mandate it, all students are on a voluntary basis and may leave at any time. Students must want to improve themselves and have the determination to do so.

Each student will be assisted in choosing a house by which he will remain for the duration of his stay.

There have always been special schools for young people at lower grades. The need for schools and students of this age has always been inefficient. All men don't mature at the same age but no one has done anything about it. Our four-tier classroom is designed to address this.

# The Magnanimous Man of Tomorrow

The purpose of this school is to help young men become productive members of society. The program is designed to help young men avoid their criminal records and/or shorten the length of a jail or prison term. The school is designed to teach young men self-discipline, life skills, basic academics and vocational training. Once students have completed this program they will have obtained their GED training, first aid/CPR training, vocational training and necessary life skills (character building). Armed Force training.

This school will be another tool put at the hands of the District Attorney's, Judges and other law enforcement agencies.

Every effort to introduce student(s) to a branch of the Armed Forces will be made. Introduction at any time will be considered as completion.

The first 90 days students will be in the intake process. At the end of this process, every student will be referred to as Mr. or Mrs. (Mr./Mrs. Jones).

Forty percent of our people are living under the poverty level. By rising men out of the poverty level we can help improve the crime rate, Blacks only make up 12% of the population but 90% jail population. "If you continue to do what you're doing, you will continue to get what you have". This is largely due to the lack of education. Fifty percent of Black men have no drivers license our drivers education class will address this issue. One out of four Black men has been convicted of a felony but changing these young men to a positive life we hope to change this. "If you can reach a student, you can teach a student". By teaching family values we hope to offset this. The fact that 50% of Black children have no father in the home and 75% of them don't vote. The lack of education can be linked to over 50% of crimes and drug usage in Milwaukee. This school is needed to help deal with the problems of Milwaukee. "When you can identify the problem, only then, can you work to solve it". Not only is this school needed but also others like it, no longer can the problem be ignored. "Cover ups only promote decay from within".

These changes can only be done through discipline of mind and body. "Where there is discipline, there is a way". Once discipline is accomplished only then can one be taught. "When all conditions are favorable one can

## **Statistics**

#### No Country for Black Men by Bruce Murphy April 25, 2013

The UWM study tracks the stunning rise in imprisonment of African American males in Milwaukee County: the number imprisoned rose four-fold, growing from 2,684 imprisoned in 1990 to 5,521 in 1995 and 9,123 in 2000. The number peaked at 10,669 black males from Milwaukee County imprisoned in 2077.

A previous study by **Pam Oliver, a sociologist at UW-Madison**, found the rate of imprisonment in Wisconsin for drug offenses by African Americans rose from 9 per 100,000 people in 1984 to near 257 per 100,000 by 1999. Meanwhile, the rate for white defendants had barely budged, raising from 2 per 100,000 people in 1984 to just 3 per 100,000 by 1999.

Another factor that may be driving the imprisonment of black males is driver license suspensions, says John Pawasarat, executive director for ETI (UW-Milwaukee Employment and Training Institute) and lead researcher for its study. The institute has previously found that a high percentage of African American males lack a valid driver's license. Often their license has been suspended because they owe fines for unpaid parking tickets, equipment violations, etc.

"Without a license, workers are unable to legally drive to job sites throughout the metro area and subject to police arrests, particularly when driving through suburban communities," the study notes. And those stops can sometimes result in police noticing the driver possesses illegal drugs, which can the lead to imprisonment.

The most deplorable example of the impact of incarceration can be seen in the 53206 zip code, from North Avenue to Capital Dr. and I-43 to 27<sup>th</sup> Street. Of 7,628 black men aged 18-64 in the zip code, about half, or 3,837, have served time in state prison. "By 2012 nearly every residential block in the neighborhood had multiple numbers of ex-offenders with prison records," the study notes.

State Sen, Lena Taylor (D-Milwaukee) lives in this zip code. "It's horrific and nothing to be proud of," she says of the rate of black imprisonment. "It really is the highest rate in the world, when you consider the Wisconsin leads the nation and the U.S. has the highest rate of incarceration in the world."