

UPTOWN-5 MIRACLES

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ECONOMIC	EDUCATION	SYMBOL	STYLE	POLITICAL
1 JOB DEVELOPMENT (LOCAL)	UNIVERSITY "13" LAUNCH	HOLIDAY RECREATION	URBAN YOUTH ENGAGEMENT	14 UPTOWN 5 NEWSPAPER
2 HOUSING SERVICES LEAGUE	6		11	15 ONGOING COMMUNITY RECRUITED TOWN MEETING
3 BUSINESS REVITALIZATION	7 DEMONSTRATION PRESCHOOL (FACULTY TRAINING + PRESCHOOL TEACHERS GUILD)	9	ELDER'S GUILD OR TASK FORCE	16 COMMUNITY P.S.U.'S
4 CO-OP PURCHASING (CONSUMER BUSINESS)		UPTOWN 5	12	17 COMMUNITY TASK FORCES (SKID ROW TYPE PARTICIPATION)
5 WILSON AVE. PROJECT	8 GLOBAL LANGUAGE SCHOOL LAUNCH	10 GALAXY OF CHURCHES	13 COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES LEAGUE	18 QUARTERLY CONGRESS

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**SOCIAL
SITUATION**

As a transient neighbourhood with a tremendous lack of sufficient jobs and programs, Uptown suffers high unemployment with only temporary job openings not necessarily appropriate to the abilities of the individual. This creates a demoralizing atmosphere in the community, and generates a hopeless attitude in their minds toward the future.

**MIRACLE
DESCRIPTION**

The miracle of the Job Development program will give the unemployed of Uptown, a center to turn to for selecting a job complementary to their own skills thus creating self-sustained citizens, and help stabilize the economy of the Community.

**NECESSARY
STEPS**

This miracle will be enacted by the establishment of a central location of operations that maintains a system of discovering job openings and keeps track of available workers and their skills, (thru the use of a card catalogue), and keeps in touch with other employment programs for job openings. This center and its function will be advertised in the Uptown Newspaper, and by the posting of notices and posters. Contact with governmental, private job and unemployed programs will be made.

**ANTICIPATED
RESULTS**

A Job Development Location with a coordinated system of operations will open new possibilities for Uptown's unemployed, providing a choice of labor for the individual which will allow him to regain his dignity.

**SOCIAL
SITUATION**

Many vacant apartments! Many people - no place to live! Landlords panicking over reduced income. Deadlock housing. No rehabilitation or new construction. Landlords - Tenants no means for dialogue. Landlords blocked from gaining means to rehabilitate property or achieve effective maintenance. Many man approach maintenance and repair. Resulting in accelerating deterioration, intensified despair over any viable future. These are the cries in Uptown.

**MIRACLE
DESCRIPTION**

Housing Services League is designed to link people with available housing, provide comprehensive and publication services. Establish adequate maintenance practices, unblock rehabilitation avenues. Establish Landlord - Tenants negotiation procedures and dialogue and catalyze existing housing groups in implementing and coordinate local housing plans.

**NECESSARY
STEPS**

Create and recruit community PSU's to develop plan for comp. asc. Services operational model. Create brochure and circulate to involve interested landlords tenants, and agencies. Implement listing services to achieve 100% Uptown occupancy and establish maintenance structures. Landlords - Tenants dialogue. Catalyze rehabilitation and new housing. Working with existing agencies.

**ANTICIPATED
RESULTS**

Achieve full potential of occupied existing housing possibilities. Bridge present gap between Landlord - Tenant by establishing procedures of dialogue and cooperation. Community would have means of working with existing structures to achieve housing needs and protected vision in terms of new and existing property.

SOCIAL
SITUATION

The social situation is that no new business's are coming into Uptown which would create jobs.

MIRACLE
DESCRIPTION

Invite new business into Uptown to create jobs and stimulate competition.

NECESSARY
STEPS

Catalyze and bring into creation the Businessmen Task Force.

ANTICIPATED
RESULTS

New life in Uptown with jobs and lower costs of living.

**SOCIAL
SITUATION**

The global economic situation lingers over the entire society as the shadow of depression. When over the economic situation reaches such a point the greatest impingement is on those who live on fixed income. Approximate 75 % of Uptown community experiences this impingement at an extremely painful level.

**MIRACLE
DESCRIPTION**

A Buyers' Co-op would act as a relief or a buffer for the tension produced by the high cost of living. Items that are essential can be made available for a lower price. The extra funds can then be available for savings as small luxury items not otherwise available on a limited budget. Bulk purchasing would also act an element in recreating the images of the business community, and begin to solve the immediate community needs.

A Buyers' Co-op would provide items of necessity to community residents for lesser prices. The economic savings would allow for adequate necessities and a surplus for other items.

**NECESSARY
STEPS**

In order to begin an effective Co-op :

1. Decide membership and participation.
2. Decide popular items to made available.
3. Create reports with reputable suppliers.
4. Organize and engage distributors.

**ANTICIPATED
RESULTS**

Money now spent on basic necessities would be available for items one could not otherwise purchase.

**SOCIAL
SITUATION**

Wilson Ave. appearance and atmosphere is run down and unpleasant.

**MIRACLE
DESCRIPTION**

The Wilson Ave. Miracle will be for the Guild to catalyze the Wilson Ave. Business League.

**NECESSARY
STEPS**

The necessary steps for this miracle will be to create a Task Force:

- 1) to set a date for a business luncheon and
- 2) to appropriate invitations stating the purpose of the luncheon.

**ANTICIPATED
RESULTS**

This will be the creation of a new atmosphere in the Wilson Ave. Business district of Uptown 5.

**SOCIAL
SITUATION**

People today live out of outdated images of the world. They are not able to comprehend or incorporate world shifting events that bombard them daily. They have no way of dealing with the "knowledge explosion" of our century. Common responses of our time are either cynical, withdrawal from structures of engagement or comfortable personal involvement in specific problem areas. The educational system of our time is not equipping men to understand and deal with the world they live in.

**MIRACLE
DESCRIPTION**

University-13 is a demonstration of higher education which provides a comprehensive, relational view of the world and the rational and the methodological tools to act effectively in our society. It will be a demonstration to the present educational structure of effective higher education.

**NECESSARY
STEPS**

Procure facility
Procure staff
Procure funding
Procure Curriculum
Procure students

**ANTICIPATED
RESULTS**

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SOCIAL
SITUATION

The miracle of Demonstration Preschool arises out of a situation of numerous families with both parents of small children working. The current available preschool do not have the physical capacity to meet this need and also are based on a curriculum which does not prepare children to be effective citizens in a global, 20th century society.

MIRACLE
DESCRIPTION

This miracle is out to create a demonstration of an effective 20th century education curriculum and methodology and to prepare the future generation for responsible participation in society.

NECESSARY
STEPS

The necessary steps for creating this miracle are acquire physical facilities, authorization and funding, focusing demonstration population, staff training and adopting 5th City curriculum.

ANTICIPATED
RESULTS

Of this miracle will be to change the images of preschoolers to global images, to change pupils and teachers images of education, and catalyze change in other Uptown preschools.

SOCIAL
SITUATION

Uptown is a post of entry for many ethnic groups, who have little or no speaking grasp of the English language. Present programs are lengthy and do not fit to the working schedules of the ethnic people.

MIRACLE
DESCRIPTION

This school will equip people with the ability to speak English fluently. It will also do contextual reeducation as the content of the school.

NECESSARY
STEPS

A faculty must be recruited and trained in the curriculum and the methods of the school. The school must be promoted through a brochure and contacts with ethnic centres and clubs in Uptown. The length of the school term must be decided and a facility located to hold the school. A budget must be created and funding sought if necessary.

ANTICIPATED
RESULTS

This school will equip people with functional English. It will earn money for other programs, and it will gain authorization from the ethnic groups in Uptown. The program may also be used by the local schools.

SOCIAL
SITUATION

The social situation of Uptown 5 regarding holidays is just another day to struggle and live through. In order to re-create the meaning of holidays and honor its new role in our community we feel that we need to celebrate several holidays in a very particular way.

MIRACLE
DESCRIPTION

This miracle of Holiday Recreation will be an opportunity to give people in Uptown 5 the experience of abounding in the midst of abasing.

NECESSARY
STEPS

1. We would like to have a "Mardi Gras" on February 7, 1975 to anticipate Lent and a "Spring Cabaret" on March 21, 1975 to recapture the meaning of new life.
2. T/F,s for the "Mardi Gras" and "Spring Cabaret" need to be launched. The task of the Mardi Gras Task Force consists partly in making a research of the Mardi Gras history and tradition and to contact agencies to build floats for the parades.

ANTICIPATED
RESULTS

By exposing and engaging the people of Uptown 5 to and in an unique and new way of celebration, we will regain the role and meaning of the celebrative life in the very demanding situation of our time.

**SOCIAL
SITUATION**

Uptown's great diversity of peoples has brought churches of different denominations and religions of the world into its geographical wake-up. These religious institutions are isolated from each other not only by their beliefs, but by a hopelessness and fear of going outside the recognized boundaries of community care. This fragments the power of these institutions into caring only for those who recognize their authority.

**MIRACLE
DESCRIPTION**

The miracle of Uptown 5 Galaxy of churches will be the creation of a league of churches and other religious institutions that is a cooperative decision making body creating a common task focusing on the problems and goals of Uptown, ensuring concrete results in renewing the community.

**NECESSARY
STEPS**

Visitation methods are the key here in creating the Uptown 5 Galaxy. The religious institutions will be geographically located and put on a grid of Uptown. The construction of an approach format will be created to introduce ourselves and invite the pastors and religious leaders to hear our story and create a vision with us. A Task Force will be drawn up for the initial penetration and continued visitation of these church leaders. A file will be made to keep track of past visitation. Some guildmembers will attend these churches on their days of worship to honor their religious positions and give them a greater trust in the Guild. Church leaders will be invited to take concrete roles in the activities of the Uptown 5 Galaxy, thus giving them a sense of effectiveness and responsibility toward the galaxy and the community.

**ANTICIPATED
RESULTS**

This miracle will open up effective ways for churches to care as one body for the community. At the same time it will hold a diversity of religious backgrounds like any other community, thereby being a sign to the world of transcending ancient prejudiced to care for one globe.

**SOCIAL
SITUATION**

In the midst of a time of rebuilding the Youth of Uptown are lacking creative avenues of participation, cynical about any real possibility for the future and left to own devices to forge out its role. Present youth programs are limited to occupying their free time and getting them off the streets and do not provide sufficient effective means for engagement in the rebuilding task.

**MIRACLE
DESCRIPTION**

This miracle of Urban Youth Engagement is out to establish a coordinated Youth Program among existing agencies, to create a pilot program such as 5th City jets, and to establish voluntary youth services corps that provide the youth with means of practical participation in rebuilding the future of Uptown as well as in reforging the image of the role of the youth in community life.

**NECESSARY
STEPS**

Practical steps are :

1. To conduct a series of dialogical encounters with youth, agencies, and parents.
2. To recruit signal youth, agencies and parents to LENS.
3. To create PSU's to forge program and experimental model.
4. To establish pilot programs and focus of youth care.

**ANTICIPATED
RESULTS**

Parents would be released to participate more fully in community life, confident in children's whereabouts and proud of their participation. Youth would have means of altering the shape of future and forging their own vision.

SOCIAL
SITUATION

The social situation is that the elders in Uptown are not sufficiently engaged. What we mean is that the wisdom of our elders is laying dormant when the cry from sonety, especially in Uptown, is "Please help us".

MIRACLE
DESCRIPTION

To engage the elders is to help them be a significant sign of the community called Uptown. Our Elders have the necessary background that can and should be utilized in all communities of the Globe.

NECESSARY
STEPS

Recruit 50 elders through each of 8 LENS courses each quater. This is a very necessary step toward engaging these great individuals.

ANTICIPATED
RESULTS

Help elders to help Uptown people which benefits the total community and the Globe.

**SOCIAL
SITUATION**

Such a League would act as a supplementary service to those operations, presently functioning. The service league would provide a more immediate help service. This would be the practical localized care the community requires. The effects would act as a catalyzing dynamic to create the new image necessary for revitalizing the Uptown community. In order to begin the community Care Services League services needed by the community must be known. Areas to be served must be delineated. Assignments for specific areas must be made. Emergency assistance and information must be available when necessary.

**MIRACLE
DESCRIPTION**

This league would provide immediate care for community people.

**NECESSARY
STEPS**

Recruit and train a volunteer staff. Secure a meeting place with telephone. Become familiar with all agencies' responsibilities

**ANTICIPATED
RESULTS**

To provide immediate help to distressed people.

**SOCIAL
SITUATION**

Existing news media in Uptown 5 are not coordinated and the community lacks global cultural news at the local level.

**MIRACLE
DESCRIPTION**

An Uptown 5 News organ is needed for disseminating significant local and global information in order to provide local and global inter-cultural communication and to symbolize the status of Uptown as a global community.

**NECESSARY
STEPS**

The necessary steps for this miracle will be to coordinate with existing news media in Uptown 5, establish broader cultural input of news, gather a volunteer editorial board, develop a distribution system, study the story of 5th City newspaper creation, and to exchange news with 5th City.

**ANTICIPATED
RESULTS**

An Uptown 5 Newspaper will enable Uptown 5 to envision itself as a global community with great possibility as a model for reduplication around the world.

SOCIAL
SITUATION

The polity system of Uptown are unable to create a community consensus thereby limiting, if not counter-acting, the ability of the community to provide adequate care for its members.

MIRACLE
DESCRIPTION

The townmeeting is a community forum designed to create a practical decision making process to care for the needs of Uptown. An ongoing community recruited Uptown 5 Town Meeting will demonstrate how this formal structure can permit effective decision making in the local polity system of any community.

NECESSARY
STEPS

The necessary steps for setting up the Town Meeting are : securing sponsors, commitment of leadership, attaining funds from private and public sources, and mass promotion by the use of posters, billboards, and the use of announcements presented widely over the news media.

ANTICIPATED
RESULTS

The Town Meeting will bring into being an important structure in the Uptown polity system which will enable the community to effectively care for its needs.

SOCIAL
SITUATION

In the face of a visible housing shortage, Uptown has at present no local consensus structures, no comprehensive long range vision of housing needs or space use and no plan for creation of adequate housing.

MIRACLE
DESCRIPTION

A series of five HOUSING PSU'S , one in each of the wards of Uptown 5 will develop a broad consensus on housing need and community space use, and will catalyze the initial steps for a housing services league.

NECESSARY
STEPS

The steps necessary are publicizing the effectivity of past housing PSU'S, enlisting and training PSU leadership, strategic ward recruitment, and the planning of specific PSU time, place and procedures.

ANTICIPATED
RESULTS

Community Housing PSU'S in each ward will develop a new consensus structure that will permit the creation of a comprehensive practical operating context for an Uptown Housing Services League .

**SOCIAL
SITUATION**

The physical maintainance of the Uptown community requires more man hours than the city is able to commit to one community at this time. City departments are not able to handle all the maintainance problems in Chicago. The life style of the community contributes to a high degree of physical deterioration in Uptown.

**MIRACLE
DESCRIPTION**

This miracle will provide physical work for all the community residents. It will especially engage teenagers, and skid row people. It creates urban engagement forms and provides a way for people to act out their responsibility for the benefit of all.

**NECESSARY
STEPS**

The Task Forces will be promoted through a brochure and the scheduling of community work days. Building of previous physical services surveys, tasks are uncovered in the community. Workers will be recruited through the wards, Chicago Uptown ministries, Salvation Army and the Boys' Club. Tools will be secured from the Park District, and materials contributed by local merchants.

**ANTICIPATED
RESULTS**

The physical unkeep of the community will be improved. Neighborhoods will give rise to local work groups as more people are engaged in the care of their neighborhoods. Especially the teenagers and the skid row people will pick up a new role for themselves in the community.

**SOCIAL
SITUATION**

Considering the situation of Uptown, we find there is a lack of citizen engagement, an absence of consensus on crucial community issues, a sense of helplessness in the face of the impact of global forces, symbols have lost their meaning. Besides this community is without leadership and is unconscious of the gifts to be shared with history.

**MIRACLE
DESCRIPTION**

The quarterly congress is a grassroots event gathering community residents to decide the directions of their community's future. It is an occasion for local men and women to celebrate the accomplishments and significant events in their community, and corporately build a consensus on future action. Beginning with a great dinner enlivened by group singing and entertainment, and working through reports, discussions and corporate decisions, the Congress is a sign of local decision-making and civic responsibility to the globe.

**NECESSARY
STEPS**

For a quarterly congress to be successful, the necessary steps are to state the objectives, write the implementary procedures, create a timeline, build a financial budget and make assignments.

**ANTICIPATED
RESULTS**

This event will establish a community identity, visible as a community symbol, a community grid, and released motivity of citizens at this new sign of possibility. It will set the stage for the next quarter's work and enable the success of all the other programs. It will establish leadership and a nucleus of Iron Men.