# Community Service Learning Community Partner Application for Local and State Board Approval

## School District Information

- Name of the School District Initiating this application: Jacksonville North Pulaski School District
- Name of the district/school licensed faculty supervisor(s) with whom non-profit/community organizations will be working: Jacksonville North Pulaski School District

## **Community Partner Information**

- Name of non-profit/ community organization:
   Building A Better Life Mentor Organization (BBLMO)
- Name of Director/ Contact Person:

Ora Bass

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Hours of operation:

Availability varies upon activities

- What is the mission of the non-profit/community organization?
   Building A Better Life Mentor Organization's goal is to provide youth and adults with the love, patience, and guidance that will help them to succeed in today's world. By enhancing individuals and families through monthly mentor meetings, weekly activities/services, workshops, seminars, summer camps, etc., BBLMO helps the youth of today become the self-sufficient adults of tomorrow.
- What service(s) does the non-profit/community organization provide?

## Social Development

**Mentor Meetings** 

Workshops

**Youth Conferences** 

Youth Camps

Community Service Initiatives (ex: Jacksonville Animal Shelter, Food Distribution, etc)

Arts In Crisis Program

Create Art Kits

Provide free Take-home Art Kits to school age children and adults within assisted living facilities

Educate participants about the material in kits

#### Food Distribution Program

Provides non-perishable food items and other essential items to the community of Jacksonville
Feeding the Homeless

#### **Academic Development**

Robotics Education
Tutoring as needed
Real-World Application
College Tours through Arkansas Academic Adventures

#### **Professional Development**

Real-Life Training
Resume Building
Career Counseling
Job Location Assistance

- Please <u>describe</u> the volunteer activities students will participate in at the non-profit/community organization and <u>how</u> those activities may connect to curriculum learning goals. The Act 648 implementation guide contains a breakdown of a few subject areas and goals. Through BBLMO's Food Distribution program students will have the opportunity to utilize real world application in the areas of math, language art, career education, health and family consumer science by assisting with shopping, sorting and preparing food boxes. Through BBLMO's Robotics Education program students will have the opportunity to utilize real world application in the areas of science, math, career education, and language art by learning and guiding others in engineering, software programming, marketing, and communication. In addition, through BBLMO's Arts in Crisis Program and various other activities, students will have the ability to learn skills in the area of Music/Fine Arts, Social Studies, Language Arts, and Career Education to name a few by having hands-on experience with ceramics, paints, etc. The students will interact with the elderly and youth as they provide painting kits throughout the community.
- What are the non-profit/community organization procedures and policies to ensure the safety
  of student volunteers?
   BBLMO requires background checks of its leadership, staff, mentors, and adult volunteers being
  left alone with children and vulnerable adults. While participating in BBLMO lead activities,
  students will be under adult supervision at all times. In addition, BBLMO will train students on
  the various activities assigned to student volunteers.

List any special considerations of the non-profit/community organization.
 Building a Better Life Mentor Organization's mentors have over 25 years of experience, collectively, in the areas of Education, Computer Science, Diesel Mechanic, Engineering, Accountancy, and Communication.
 BBLMO currently has partnerships and/or sponsors with MCM Connections, Ceramic World & Imaginations, Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic Ministries, Centennial Bank - Jacksonville, Edwards Food - Jacksonville, Big Lots - NLR, Blue and You Foundation, Inspired I.T. Solutions, to name a few.

Local School Board approval of this site as a district partner

Signature of school board president

Only

Date of meeting at which site was approved

## Return completed application and this form to

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