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**To:** Mr. Richardson <themecca3@gmail.com>  
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Reggie,

I'll need more details. Jackie Latek has stated in the past that working with APD adversely affects her "street credibility."

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On Tue, May 31, 2022 at 1:22 PM Mr. Richardson <[themecca3@gmail.com](mailto:themecca3@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Hello Team,

Pray all is well upon receipt of this email.

As usual, reaching out to touch bases. After a phenomenal meeting last week with several organizations, we are moving toward collaborating organizations to create an Umbrella of resources for the community. With the unfortunate news of the homicide that took place this weekend, (Jackie Latek) has proposed that we head out to the neighborhood of the victim sometime next week to show support.

Our goal is to learn the needs (grief counseling, sports therapy, group discussions, etc) of the residents. The follow-up will consist of an "Open Arms" day for the community which will then lead to several community events throughout the year. Perhaps a day for grief counseling, free food, group discussion or just a place considered to be a safe haven for the community.

Take Away:

**Will you be available to walk through the community next week? If so, please email me your best times and dates...**  
(Official date and time will be best for the majority)

Stay safe,

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On Fri, May 20, 2022 at 12:04 PM Mr. Richardson <[themecca3@gmail.com](mailto:themecca3@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hey Everyone,

I pray all is well with you upon receiving this email.

Brief Update:

I've spoken with Jackie Latek regarding pulling a few non-profits together in the attempt to apply for grant funding (OBJA and others), and the possibility of putting some community events together.

Yesterday, I spoke with Ms. Sheneika Smith, who then introduced me to Michael Johnson (Asheville resident). Mr. Johnson is currently working with youth teaching conflict resolution, character building, and a boxing self defense course. I plan to pull him in on this project as well.

The Overall Goal: Unite several organizations to meet with Ms. Latek and I next week (via zoom). I will follow up with an email to everyone regarding updates after we meet.

Please advise me If there are any other programs that you think I should reach out to as we create this umbrella of programs.

Lastly, as an update from the previous email in reference to the planning team with Lake, Smith, Alex and DeAngelo... We are scheduled to have our second meeting next Wednesday. We are currently working to develop a program outline for approval. The outline will display our goals, target audience, projected time and date(s), location and budget.

Hopefully that wasn't too much. Please let me know if you need additional information or details and I will happily connect with you 1 on 1.

Stay safe, Be Blessed

Reggie

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