

Presentation by

Commissioner Art Woodruff



For the past six months, a committee (see below) has been meeting to develop a YouthBuild program for Sanford/Seminole County. The purpose of a YouthBuild program is to “assist disadvantaged young adults in distressed communities in completing their high school education, to provide on-site construction training experiences which also result in the rehabilitation or construction of housing for homeless persons and low- and very low-income families, to foster leadership skills, to further opportunities for placement in apprenticeship programs, and to promote economic self-sufficiency” (www.youthbuild.org).

The program we envision will bring together national, state, and local government, social service, and business resources in a partnership that initially targets a juvenile offender population. While working on a GED or diploma, the participants will learn construction skills as they build homes for organizations like Habitat for Humanity and Golden Rule Housing. Program completers, released from the juvenile offenders’ program, will be given assistance seeking jobs or apprenticeships with local companies. As the program develops the committee intends to start programs for adult inmates and for the general population.

The committee has developed a plan to introduce a YouthBuild program and is currently working on the details of this plan with the expectation of applying for a \$400,000 grant from HUD at the beginning of July.

Members of the committee include:	Others that have been contacted include:
Lee Bailey, Seminole County Grants Administrator	Dennis Aagaard, Aagaard Construction
Paul Benjamin, Central Florida Dream Center	Emory Blake,
Marcy Carter, Meals on Wheels, Etc	Eloise Dilligard, Goldsboro Front Porch
Eugene Chambers, Seminole County Comm. Dev.	Steve Harriett, Chief Deputy, SCSO
David Diggs, Director, Department of Corrections	Ernie McPherson, Seminole High School
Helene Funk, Habitat for Humanity	Vernon McQueen, Goldsboro Front Porch
Diane Ledford, Housing Manager, Sem. County SHIP	Charles Rowe, Cent. Fl. Community Partners
Harriet Little, SCC, GED Program	Dede Schaffner, SCSB, Board Member
Oscar Redden, Brother's Keepers	Dean Shoemaker, Shoemaker Construction
Mark Rehder, SCSO – Div. of Juv. Crime	Bill Miller, Suda Construction
Michael Robbins, Weed and Seed - Sheriff's Office	Cox Lumber
Colleen Rotella, Seminole County Community Dev.	ACT Careers
Anthony Ruggiero, SCC, Construction, Eng. and Design	Beth McGee, Homebuilders Association
Sally Sherman, Seminole County, Dep. County Manager	
Cynthia Smith, Golden Rule	
Andrew Van Gaale, City of Sanford, Deputy City Manager	
Bobby Von Herbulis, McKee Construction	
Art Woodruff, City of Sanford, Commissioner	



Activities to Date

November 2003 – initial meeting of committee

February 2004 – visit to Jacksonville to see programs

March 2004 – National YouthBuild Conference attended by Colleen Rotella

March 2004 - started working on grant proposal details.

March/April 2004 – met with Sheriff's office to consider starting program for inmates or juvenile offenders

April 2004 – Started formalizing supporters/partners list

May 2004 – Started making presentations to partners

May 2004 – Interviewed youth at juvenile center



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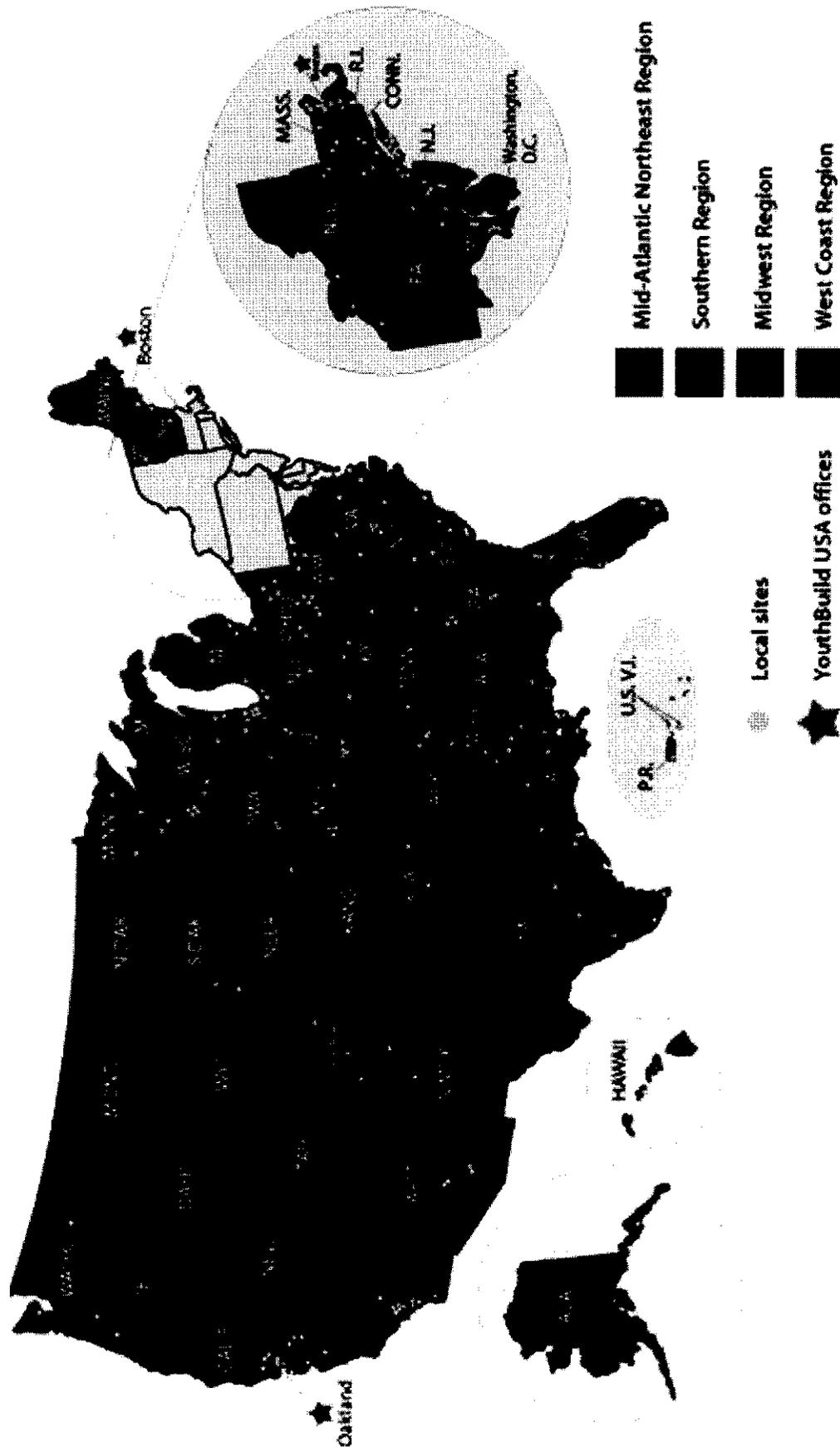




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- **YouthBuild started in Harlem in 1978**
- **In 2002, 6,500 young adults participated in YouthBuild programs**
- **In 2003 \$54 million was available from HUD for YouthBuild programs. Initial program grants are \$400,000.**

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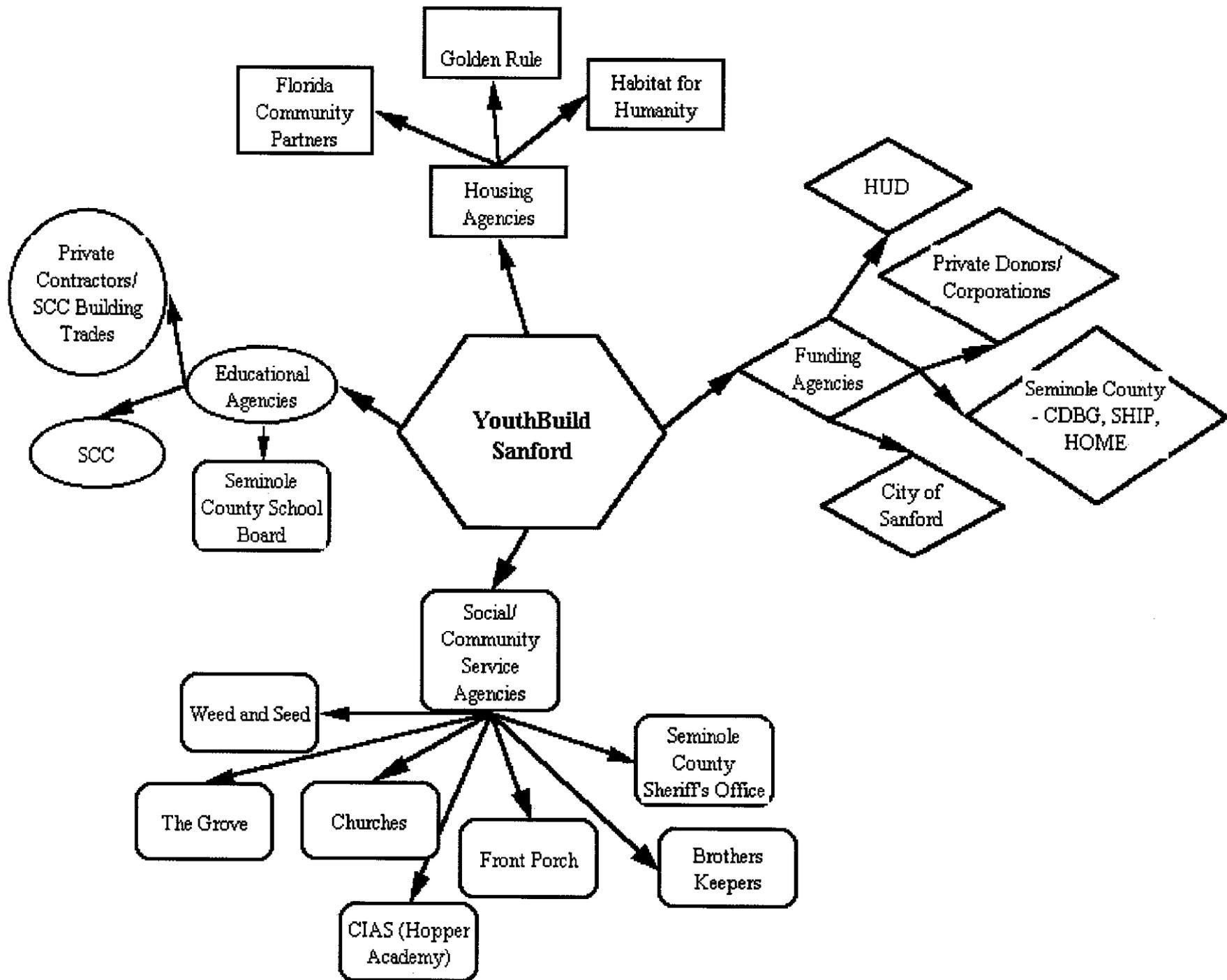
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- **At least 75% of the participants in the YouthBuild program must be very low-income high school dropouts between the ages of 16 and 24.**
- **Nationwide, 85% of YouthBuild students enter without a high school diploma and 29% receive public assistance. The completion rate is 60%. About 80% of graduates go on to college or jobs averaging \$7.79/hour.**



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- **Simultaneously addresses**
 - **Education**
 - **Housing**
 - **Jobs**
 - **Leadership Development**
- **YouthBuild is a comprehensive youth and community development program.**
(see Chapter 1, YouthBuild Program Manual)





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Partners – Current and Potential

- **SCSO - Department of Corrections**
- **Habitat for Humanity**
- **Seminole Community College**
- **Brother's Keepers**
- **Weed and Seed**
- **Golden Rule Housing**
- **McKee Construction**
- **Central Florida Community Partners**
- **Community Improvement Association**
- **Central Florida Dream Center**
- **Meals on Wheels, Etc**
- **Home Depot**
- **Cox Lumber**
- **Aagaard Construction**
- **Shoemaker Construction**
- **Goldsboro Front Porch**
- **Seminole County Public Schools**
- **City of Sanford**
- **Seminole County**



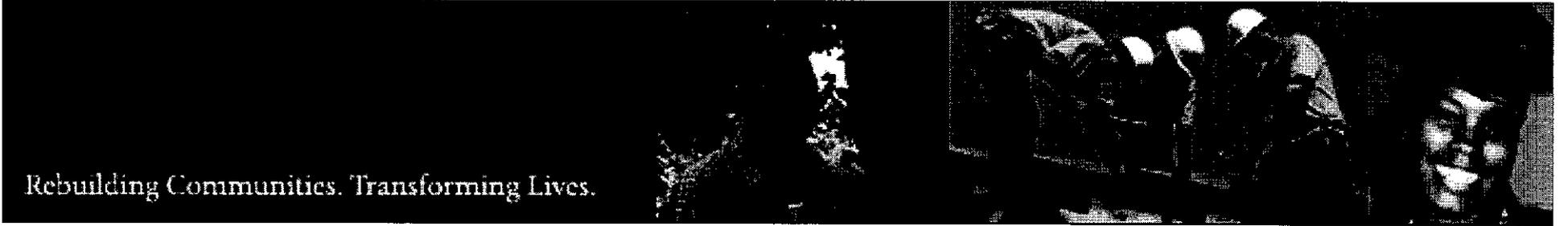
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- **Three basic components required by HUD**
 - **Educational and Job Training – 50% of time on academics**
 - **Leadership Training, Counseling, Support Activities**
 - **On-site Training through actual construction and or rehabilitation – 50% of time on construction skills**



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- **Sanford/Seminole County YouthBuild**
 - **8 to 10-month program**
 - **Initial group of 5 to 10 participants drawn from the juvenile offenders program**
 - **Grant proposal due to HUD July 2, Program start date September 2005**
 - **Work with SCC and/or Sheriff's Department to provide GED program**
 - **Work with SCC and nonprofit housing agencies to provide construction training**



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- **Sanford/Seminole County YouthBuild**
 - **Work with social service organizations for support services such as counseling**
 - **Set up jobs and/or apprenticeships with area contractors**
 - **The YouthBuild organization will be a grant-funded agency of the city or county**
 - **A YouthBuild board will advise the development and administration of the program through a full time director**



- **Current Tasks**

- **Gain approval from city and county to pursue the grant and form the YouthBuild board**
- **Write and approve ordinance forming board**
- **Formalize partnership agreements**
- **Finalize program details**
- **Complete HUD grant application (due July 2)**
- **Seek other funding partners**



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- **How can YouthBuild be a partner with Habitat?**
 - **The YouthBuild program will focus on training and counseling**
 - **Habitat will act as the contractor/developer**
 - **A commitment to provide work opportunities for up to 5 – 10 participants every other week**