A VISION PROSPECTUS

The Encounter Community Restoration Campus

Restoring Lives. Strengthening Families. Serving Communities.



Market Place · Repurposed · Preserved · The Table · Restored · Rooted

SIX PLACES. ONE PURPOSE.

THE WHOLE CASE ON ONE PAGE

At a Glance

The need

85,930 Volusia County residents, about 1 in 7, face food insecurity. Many of the same neighbors also need housing, work and someone in their corner.

The campus

About 3 acres. Six places, one purpose: food, work, housing and hope, connected in one place instead of scattered across town.

Already working

5,000 meals a month delivered today through bulk food drops. Our kitchen and freeze-dry operation is open in Holly Hill.

Built to serve

Practical clear-span metal buildings. Commercial operations and residential housing are kept fully separate.

The investment

$4,000,000 to purchase the land and build the full campus. Land comes first, bought with funds in hand and no debt. We break ground once the full amount is committed.

$250,000 Match Challenge

A founding donor has pledged $250,000 as a Match Challenge. Help us double it.

Your gift is protected

Held in restricted accounts at a separate financial institution, overseen by an independent Campus Development Board.

The invitation

Become a founding donor. Naming opportunities are available for each of the six individual initiatives and for the campus itself.

FOUR PHASES

PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3	PHASE 4
Land	Commercial building	Restored	Rooted



A PERSONAL WORD

A Letter from Our CEO

There comes a time in the life of every organization when experience, opportunity and vision come together to create something larger than anyone imagined possible. For The Encounter Outreach, that time is now.

Since 1979, our ministry has walked alongside people facing some of life's greatest challenges. What began as a prison ministry has grown into food assistance, commercial kitchen operations, homeless outreach, freeze-dried food production, volunteer service and practical training for people rebuilding their lives.

Along the way, we learned that the help people need is usually scattered. One organization provides food; another offers shelter; another teaches job skills; another provides mentoring. A family in crisis has to find all of them on their own. We believe those services work far better together.

The Encounter Community Restoration Campus brings them together: one practical, affordable place where food security, housing, work, emergency preparedness and faith strengthen one another. It is not about impressive buildings. It is about the people those buildings will serve, and the stronger community that results.

I am asking you to become one of the founding donors who make this campus possible. Your gift will help us meet our $250,000 Match Challenge, and it will be protected and put to work for our neighbors for generations.

Jim Lynch

Chief Executive Officer, The Encounter Outreach, Inc.

SINCE 1979

Our Story

The Encounter began in 1979 as a prison ministry, and for more than 45 years we have carried open-yard evangelism, mentoring and education into Florida's correctional institutions. That work taught us what it takes to help someone start over, and in 2019 it led us to publish the Florida GPS-Book (God's Precious Sources), a statewide guide to help for people rebuilding their lives.

Today that same commitment feeds our neighbors. From our kitchen and freeze-dry operation in Holly Hill, we prepare and preserve food and partner with Second Harvest Food Bank to move large food donations quickly to the people who need them.

5,000
meals a month delivered through bulk food drops

1979
serving Florida's prisons and communities since

2025
Second Harvest New Agency of the Year, Volusia County

10,000+
GPS-Books delivered: 11,000+ resources in all 67 counties

WHY IT MATTERS

The Need

85,930

Volusia County residents, 14.8% or about 1 in 7, face food insecurity. That is higher than Florida's statewide rate of about 12–14%. Hunger here is not someone else's problem. It is our neighbors, coworkers and classmates.

Sources: Feeding America, *Map the Meal Gap 2026* (2024 data), as reported by Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida; USDA and Feeding America state estimates for 2024.

Hunger, homelessness and joblessness rarely arrive alone. A meal answers today's hunger; lasting stability also takes a safe home, steady work and a mentor. The campus brings those answers together in one place.

Who the campus serves

- Families and seniors facing food insecurity, including working households
- Residents rebuilding their lives through structured housing, mentoring and work, including veterans and returning citizens
- Volunteers, churches and employers looking for a practical place to serve
- Neighbors experiencing homelessness who need stability and a path to housing
- Communities hit by hurricanes and other emergencies

Imagine a Place

Imagine a place where no donated food goes to waste.

Hungry families find nourishment instead of uncertainty.

Neighbors experiencing homelessness find opportunity, not just temporary shelter.

Veterans are welcomed. Churches are equipped. Volunteers find meaningful ways to serve.

Training leads to lasting work. Greenhouses grow fresh food. Kitchens prepare meals for neighbors in need.

Emergency food is ready before disaster strikes.

Returning citizens rebuild productive lives through accountability, mentoring and meaningful work.

Compassion meets responsibility. Hope becomes action. Lives are restored.



That place can exist.

Together, we can build it.

Built with Purpose. Designed for Stewardship.

This campus was never meant to be elaborate. Every building, path and greenhouse is planned to do the most good for the least cost to build and run. That means practical clear-span metal buildings, efficient layouts, modest landscaping and welcoming outdoor space, with skilled trades donating and discounting their work wherever they can.

This is not a campus built to impress. It is a campus built to serve.

Campus Master Plan



Concept rendering, about 3 acres. Illustrative only; final site to be selected.

BUILDING	WHAT IT HOLDS	DESIGN
The land Phase 1	About 3 acres for the full campus, purchased first	Site work, utilities, parking and landscaping
Community building Phase 2	Market Place, Repurposed, Preserved, The Table, cold storage, warehouse, emergency food storage	Single story, about 60' × 250' (15,000 SF), separate fire-rated unit for each place
Restored Phase 3	Residential housing with classrooms, counseling and common areas	Multi-story; opens with 25–50 beds, built to grow to 100
Rooted Phase 4	Two greenhouses and gardens	Hydroponic and soil-based growing

Commercial operations and residential housing are kept fully separate, each built to local code.

THE CAMPUS, PLACE BY PLACE

Six Places. One Purpose.

Each place meets a real need on its own. Together, they turn a single visit into a path forward.



Market Place

Good Food. Greater Purpose.

A dignified grocery market where member families shop for groceries and fresh produce, with membership priced by household size. It is shopping, not a handout line.

For the community: families stretch their budgets, food donations stop going to waste and residents learn retail and customer-service skills.



Repurposed

Donated Goods. Greater Purpose.

Our donated-goods store. Clothing, furniture and household items are received, sorted and resold or consigned, with net proceeds supporting the ministry.

For the community: affordable essentials close to home, less going to the landfill, and steady income that keeps the campus running.



Preserved

Faith – Harvest – Community

Our freeze-dry operation, backed by walk-in freezers and coolers, warehouse space and emergency storage. It turns surplus food into freeze-dried meals and emergency food bars that last for years.

For the community: food ready on the shelf before the next hurricane, and hands-on training in food production and packaging.



The Table

Everyone Has a Seat.

The campus's commercial kitchen and gathering space. Community meals, cafeteria service, fellowship and events, with room that churches and groups can reserve.

For the community: a warm meal and a place to belong, plus kitchen, wait-staff and culinary training that leads to food-service jobs.



Restored

Second Chances. Greater Purpose.

Structured transitional housing in its own building, fully separate from commercial operations. It opens with 25–50 beds and is built to grow to 100. Residents, including veterans and returning citizens, work on campus, attend life-skills and mentoring sessions, and save toward a home of their own.

For the community: fewer people on the street, a trained local workforce, and neighbors who become taxpayers, employees and volunteers.



Rooted

Grown with Purpose.

Two greenhouses and gardens using hydroponic and soil-based growing. Fresh produce goes straight to Market Place and The Table.

For the community: fresh vegetables for families who rarely get them, hands-on agricultural training, and a welcoming way for volunteers, organizations, clubs and schools to take part.

REPURPOSING WITH PURPOSE

Second Chances, Shared Benefit

Returning citizens come home to our community either way. What matters is whether they come home to a job, a safe place to live and people who expect the best of them. The Encounter Pathway gives them all three, one step at a time.



What the whole community gains

Safer neighborhoods
People with work, housing and mentors are far less likely to return to crime.

A local workforce
Trained, reliable workers for area employers, paying taxes instead of costing them.

Stronger families
Parents who come home able to provide for and be present with their children.

A STORY OF RESTORATION

From Prison to a New Life and Career



NOW · VOLUNTEERING IN OUR KITCHEN



THEN

> *"They don't just help you get out of prison. They help you build a life worth living."*
>
> **Kyle E.**

When I was getting ready to leave prison, I knew I wanted to make something of my life. But wanting a second chance and knowing how to get there are two different things. That's where The Encounter came in.

Before my release, a mentor from The Encounter encouraged me and helped me believe I could succeed. When I got out, they helped me into a reentry home so I could start rebuilding.

I found work at a commercial linen company and volunteered in The Encounter's community kitchen and at special events. Along the way I finished probation, earned my driver's license and got pay raises. Every step was celebrated, even the small ones.

When a much better job opened up with a larger company in upstate New York, The Encounter helped me get there, with my interview flight, my move and rent while I got settled.

Today I have a great job, a home in a beautiful neighborhood and a future I'm excited about. I worked hard to get here, but I couldn't have done it without people who believed in me and opened doors I couldn't open myself.

Restored will give many more people like Kyle a safe place to start, real work to do and a community that believes in them.

FROM HOMELESSNESS TO HOPE

Starting Over from Ground Zero



Photo used to protect the family's privacy.

> *"I'll never forget walking out of those woods into a safe home with a clean room and a real bed."*
>
> **Jean, with her son David**

David and I never imagined we would end up homeless, living in the woods in Ormond Beach. We had lost almost everything. Every day was about surviving and wondering what would happen next.

When David was arrested for trespassing at our campsite, someone at the jail gave me The Encounter's phone number. At first they said they couldn't help, because we needed housing for two. I pleaded with them: David and I could share one room, and we wouldn't waste the chance. Thankfully, they said yes.

The Encounter moved us into Restoration House. To me, that safe room and real bed were unconditional love.

From there we started rebuilding. We both found jobs, qualified for rental assistance, bought a car and, within a year, moved into a home of our own.

We started with nothing but hope. Someone believed in us when we had nowhere else to turn, and I'll always be grateful for our second chance.

PICTURE IT

A Day on Campus

EARLY	Fresh produce comes in from Rooted while volunteers and residents start meals in The Table's kitchen.
MORNING	Market Place opens its doors to member families. Repurposed takes in donations and trains a new cashier.
MIDDAY	Neighbors, residents and volunteers share lunch at The Table. Preserved packages meals for the emergency shelf.
AFTERNOON	Restored residents finish their shifts and head to life-skills classes and mentoring.
EVENING	A church group meets at The Table. The lights go off on a campus that fed, trained and housed its neighbors.

NOT JUST AN IDEA

Already Working Today

Our kitchen and freeze-dry operation is open and running in Holly Hill right now. Every month we deliver 5,000 meals through bulk food drops. The campus doesn't start this work. It gives work that is already proven the room to grow.







ALREADY SERVING

Feeding Our Neighbors Today

Every month, The Encounter delivers 5,000 meals through bulk food drops to homes and organizations across Volusia County. Each one serves neighbors who are rebuilding their lives.



Restoration House

"The Encounter's food donations help sustain residents who often can't afford basic necessities. Beyond groceries, they stay personally invested in the people they refer, with transportation, mentorship and practical help, walking alongside them until they're ready to live independently."



Second Chance Collective, Inc.

"We welcome men coming home from Florida's prisons, many with little more than the clothes they're wearing. The Encounter's dependable weekly food deliveries provide nutritious meals and relieve financial pressure as our residents work toward stability and independence."



Victory House

"The Encounter has partnered with Victory House for many years, supporting our reentry work with food, furniture and other essentials, and trusting us to house men they help reenter. They also help feed our monthly open-house barbecues for residents and neighbors."



Volusia/Flagler County Coalition

"Our yearlong assistance program helps local individuals overcome challenges and build a path to self-sufficiency. The Encounter's weekly deliveries of wholesome groceries give our residents nutritious food so they can focus on building a more stable future."

AFTER THE RIBBON-CUTTING

How the Campus Sustains Itself

Donors build the campus. The campus then helps pay its own way. Several of the six places earn income that goes straight back into the mission, reducing how much the campus depends on new gifts each year.

Market Place Member families	**Repurposed** Resale and consignment	**Preserved** Food products	**The Table** Space reservations

We will track and report how much of the campus's operating cost earned income covers each year. Gifts, grants and sponsorships remain important, especially during construction and startup.

STEP BY STEP

Site and Phased Plan

The campus is planned for about 3 acres and built in four steps. When the right property is found, we will purchase it as Phase 1, with funds in hand and no debt. We break ground once the full $4,000,000 is committed, and construction is expected to take 12 to 18 months.

PHASE 1

Land

Acquire the site; feasibility, engineering, approvals, utilities

PHASE 2

Community building

Market Place, Repurposed, Preserved and The Table open

PHASE 3

Restored

Residential building opens with 25–50 beds

PHASE 4

Rooted

Greenhouses and gardens; may begin during Phases 2–3

WHAT IT TAKES

The Investment

$4,000,000

Estimated cost of the complete campus. Gifts and signed pledges both count toward the goal. Land is purchased first; we break ground once the full amount is committed.

First goal: help us secure the land. When the right property is found, gifts for land acquisition let us purchase it as Phase 1, with funds in hand and no debt.

$250,000 **Match Challenge.** A founding donor has pledged $250,000. Help us double it with $250,000 from our community.

What the $4,000,000 builds

- **Land** and site work
- **Community building**: Market Place, Repurposed, Preserved and The Table
- **Restored** residence
- **Rooted** greenhouses and gardens
- **Equipment** and fit-out
- **Startup operations**

How we'll get there

- **Founding donors** and families
- **Foundations** and grants
- **Churches** and ministry partners
- **Corporate** and business partners
- **Donated trades**, materials and equipment
- **Community gifts** of every size

Naming opportunities

Naming is available for each of the campus's six individual initiatives (Market Place, Repurposed, Preserved, The Table, Restored and Rooted) and for the campus itself. Detailed cost estimates and naming levels are available to prospective contributors on request. Please contact Jim Lynch at (386) 846-9742 or jim@theencounter.one.

The $4,000,000 figure is an estimate and will be refined as the site, design and contractor bids are finalized.

YOUR GIFT IS PROTECTED

Stewardship and Governance

Every dollar given to the campus is kept apart from day-to-day ministry funds and spent only on the purpose it was given for. An independent board watches over it.

The Campus Development Board

An advisory board that oversees campus funds and confirms each gift is used as intended.



Bruce Boyle

FOUNDING ADVISOR

Bruce, CFEd®, is Executive Vice President and an Investment Advisor Representative at Compass Financial, where he has served since 1996. Before entering finance, he worked as a carpenter and a real estate agent.



Chrissy Mason

FOUNDING ADVISOR

A bookkeeper since 1984, Chrissy has spent 36 years at the Volo Auto Museum, many as head bookkeeper, reviewing financial statements with its CPAs. She has also served as a town and nonprofit treasurer and on her church board.



Glen Keltos

FOUNDING ADVISOR

Retired after 30 years in pharmaceutical sales, Glen is now "fully employed by Trinity Inc." (Father, Son and Holy Spirit). A cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:7), when Glen sees a need, his first question is how God wants him to meet it.

Separate accounts for separate purposes

Held at a financial institution separate from our operating bank, each restricted to its use:

Acquisition	Building	Equipment	Operations
Land and site	Construction	Kitchen, cold storage, freeze-dry	Startup and staffing

Our promises to donors

1. Your gift is spent only on the purpose you gave it for.
2. The Campus Development Board reviews every account each quarter, with a full annual review.
3. Campus gifts not yet spent are returned if the campus cannot proceed. If land has been purchased, the board oversees its sale, and the proceeds are returned or used as donors direct.
4. Quarterly public campus meetings, beginning in January 2027, keep our community informed and involved at every step.

TRUSTED PARTNERS

Endorsements

VOLUSIA SHERIFF
MICHAEL J. CHITWOOD

"I am particularly encouraged by The Encounter's over four decade long-standing presence in our correctional institutions and their demonstrated commitment to working collaboratively with agencies, faith-based organizations, and community partners. Their approach reflects both accountability and compassion—two elements that must coexist for reentry to be effective."

Michael J. Chitwood, Sheriff, Volusia County · Letter of support, April 14, 2026



Named The Encounter its 2025 New Agency of the Year for Volusia County.

Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida

PMR | PROGRESSIVE MEDICAL RESEARCH

"Through their generous donations of food, they help us provide nourishment, hope, and compassion to approximately 200 neighbors each quarter. ... We believe in the Community Restoration Campus initiative and the long-term benefit and outcome to the broader Volusia County community."

Progressive Medical Research, Outreach Center

ACCOUNTABILITY

Measuring What Matters

We won't promise numbers we haven't earned yet. Instead, we commit to measuring these results and reporting them to donors and the Campus Development Board, starting with the first full year of operation.

Pounds of food distributed through Market Place and food drops, itemized by category: produce, canned goods, breakfast foods, meat proteins, dairy and more

Prepared meals served

Pounds of food preserved by Preserved

Residents housed at Restored

Volunteer hours given

Member households served by Market Place

Donated goods resold by Repurposed

Residents placed in jobs

Operating costs covered by earned income

YOUR INVITATION

How You Can Be Part of It

You don't have to change the world. You can help change someone's world.

01

Become a founding donor

Make a one-time gift, give monthly, or pledge your gift over up to three years. Every gift helps us meet the $250,000 Match Challenge.

02

Put your name on an initiative

Name one of the campus's six individual initiatives (Market Place, Repurposed, Preserved, The Table, Restored or Rooted) or the campus itself. Your name, or the name of someone you love, becomes part of every life changed there.

03

Join the Community Donor Wall

At the campus entrance, a donor wall honors every founding and ongoing supporter, at every gift level.

04

Give your skills, materials and prayer

Skilled trades, building materials, equipment and volunteer hours all lower the cost of every building. And we covet your prayers.

05

Start with a free membership

Not ready to give yet? Become a free member at TheEncounter.One for ministry updates, volunteer opportunities and an invitation to our first quarterly campus meeting in January 2027.

Ready to talk? Call Jim Lynch.

(386) 846-9742 · jim@theencounter.one

Visit Our Website

Scan to explore

TheEncounter.One

BEFORE YOU GIVE

Questions Donors Ask

Straight answers to the questions we hear most. If yours isn't here, call or write Jim Lynch.

Is my gift tax-deductible?

The Encounter Outreach, Inc. is a Florida 501(c)(3) public charity. Gifts are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law, and you'll receive a written acknowledgment. Please check with your tax advisor.

When will you buy land and build?

When the right property is found, we will purchase it as Phase 1, using gifts for land acquisition and without debt. We then raise the balance of the $4,000,000 before breaking ground. Construction is expected to take 12 to 18 months.

What if the campus doesn't move forward?

Campus gifts not yet spent are returned. If land has been purchased and the campus cannot proceed, the Campus Development Board will oversee its sale, and the proceeds will be returned or used as donors direct.

Who watches over the money?

Campus gifts are held in restricted accounts at a separate financial institution. The independent Campus Development Board reviews every account each quarter, with a full annual review.

Can I choose where my gift goes?

Yes. Give to the campus by choosing the Community Restoration Campus fund online, or by writing “Campus” on your check. Gifts to our ongoing ministry go to the Our Mission fund.

Can I give over time?

Yes. One-time gifts, monthly gifts and signed pledges paid over up to three years all count toward the $4,000,000 goal.

How does the Match Challenge work?

A founding donor has pledged $250,000. Our challenge to the community is to double it by giving another $250,000 together.

Can I give stock?

Yes. We welcome gifts of stock. Contact Jim Lynch to arrange yours, or to ask about giving through a donor-advised fund or IRA.

Will my gift be recognized?

Every supporter can be honored on the Community Donor Wall, and naming opportunities are available for each of the six individual initiatives and the campus. Detailed cost estimates and naming levels are available on request. Anonymous gifts are always respected.

How will I hear about progress?

Through quarterly public campus meetings beginning in January 2027, regular updates to members, and the results we report each year (page 17).

Still have a question?

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A CLOSING INVITATION

Build Something That Lasts

The buildings we raise today will one day grow old. Equipment will be replaced and roads will need repair. But lives restored, families strengthened and neighbors who find hope carry that investment forward for generations.

The Encounter Community Restoration Campus is an opportunity to build more than a place. It is a Christ-centered work, where faith is put into action through good works and seeds sown into our community, and every gift becomes an investment with eternal value.

The next chapter of this story has yet to be written. We invite you to help write it.

> *Lord, make this campus a light in Volusia County: a table where every neighbor has a seat, a home where second chances take root, and a harvest that blesses generations to come. Amen.*

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SCAN TO GIVE

The Encounter Outreach, Inc. is a Florida 501(c)(3) public charity with its principal place of business in Ormond Beach, Florida. This solicitation supports the purchase, construction and startup of The Encounter Community Restoration Campus in Volusia County. Gifts are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. For questions, the deductible amount of your gift, or a copy of our most recent financial statement, contact Jim Lynch, (386) 846-9742, PO Box 730772, Ormond Beach, FL 32173.

REPLY CARD

Yes, I want to help build the campus.

Scan the code to give online →

NAME

ORGANIZATION OR CHURCH (OPTIONAL)

ADDRESS

PHONE

EMAIL

My gift

- ☐ One-time gift of $_____
- ☐ Pledge of $_____ over up to 3 years
- ☐ Send me cost estimates and naming levels
- ☐ Please list me on the Donor Wall as: _____
- ☐ My employer matches gifts
- ☐ Please keep my gift anonymous

I can also help by

- ☐ Volunteering
- ☐ Donating a trade skill: _____
- ☐ Donating materials or equipment
- ☐ Hosting a presentation at my church or group
- ☐ Praying for the campus
- ☐ Introducing someone who should know
- ☐ Make me a free member
- ☐ Invite me to quarterly campus meetings (starting January 2027)
- ☐ Prison yard evangelism
- ☐ GPS-Book team

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