

## **Wilderness Trek™ Urban Scholarship Program**

### **Purpose of the Program:**

In an effort to be more comprehensive and holistic in supporting urban service organizations throughout the U.S. Wilderness Trek™ through its Urban Scholarship Program will ...

- ... track the progress of 150 at-risk youth and young adults per year over a five-year period.
- ... continue to support the urban service organizations already receiving Wilderness Trek™ scholarships while increasing the number of organizations served from four (4) to eight (8) over a five-year period.

### **Five-Year Plan:**

#### *Year One:*

1. Establish a database of at-risk youth and young adults from 5-8 urban service organizations whose teens and young adults have participated in Wilderness Trek™ for at least one year.
2. Establish and maintain a relationship with additional urban service organizations so that a database of 150- 200 at-risk youth and young adults can be maintained over a 5 year period.
3. Seek funding and donations-in-kind from individuals, foundations and business organizations for 1-5 year commitments.
4. Provide annual scholarships (estimated cost: \$ 300 per scholarship) for 150 at-risk teens and young adults.
5. Recruit volunteers to help with data collection and fund raising.
6. Report results from year's activity to all partner organizations and individual donors.

#### *Years Two through Four:*

1. Work with urban service organizations to collect data on participants. Update records from first year.
2. Continue to seek funding and donations-in-kind from organizations and individuals
3. Meet established goals for volunteer recruitment and fund raising.
4. Report progress to all partner organizations and individual donors.

#### *Year Five:*

1. Assess the results of the program and the participating organization's desire to continue their support.
2. Report all results to all partner organizations and individual donors.

**Funding needed:**

First year: \$ 30,000

Years two through five: \$ 140,000 (\$ 35,000 per year)

**Donations-in-Kind needed:**

Boots: 20 pair (all sizes for males and females- ages 14 – 22 years)

Socks: 150 pair (wool/nylon blend)

Wind/water proof parka's or jackets: 20 – 25 (all sizes for males and females - ages 14 – 22 years)

Small flashlights: 50 – 75

Wind/water proof pants: 20 –25 pair (all sizes for males and females – ages 14 – 22 years)

Radios: 12 - 15 pair (Garmin Rhino 120 GPS/Two Way Radio)

Poncho or rain-gear suits: 20-25 pair (variety of sizes: medium - XL)

Fleece jackets or pull-overs: 20-25 (all size for males and females)