

Golden Spike Treatment Ranch Concept Paper

Program Summary

Golden Spike Treatment Ranch, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization providing comprehensive rehabilitation services in the state of Utah. Golden Spike Treatment Ranch, Inc. is proposing the construction of a full-service prisoner re-entry and substance abuse treatment facility in northwest Utah. The Golden Spike Treatment Ranch will offer a variety of medical, psychological, physical, and spiritual interventions to rehabilitate, prepare, and empower individuals for reintegration into society and for a lifetime of self-sufficiency.

Program Need

¹ The last twenty years in the state of Utah has seen an unparalleled growth in prison population. The number of male offenders has increased by more than 450% since 1985. A new phenomenon of the 21st century is the explosion in the number of women in Utah prisons, since January 1991, the female inmate population has grown by more than 279%. The root of the problem is recidivism rates among released inmates; re-entry programs must involve strategic life, social, financial, faith teaching and work therapy assignments necessary to produce healthy productive citizen. ***Treatment is key to success.***

General Statistics on Utah State Prisons and the Strain on State Funding

- It costs \$24,000 per year to house an inmate in a prison in the state of Utah.
- Each year 325 new beds are needed to house new prisoners, this calculates to an increase cost of 7.8 million dollars on an annual basis.
- Over 65% of inmates released from Utah's prisons return, and most return within the first year of parole.
- Majority of offenders and prison inmates are basic skills deficient with 90% having less than a high school education.

Program

The Golden Spike Treatment Ranch will consist of 640+ acres of land in northwest Utah. Multiple campuses will be erected throughout the ranch catered to serve the individual needs of offender populations including men, women, single parent, and married couples. The ranch will utilize competent staff to administer interventions necessary to ensure successful rehabilitation and social recovery.

A sample of daytime work therapy assignments include: Farming Modules, Beef and Dairy Cattle Modules, Vocational Training Modules, including: Welding, Carpentry, Automotive Upholstery, Auto Mechanics, Flower Arrangements and Sewing Modules.

A sample of our evening program interventions and workshops include: Life Skills Training, Financial Literacy, Adult Mentoring, Educational Programs, Conflict Resolution, General Education Degree (GED) Programs, Child Support Management, Anger Management, AA/NA Meetings, Bible Study, Family Counseling, Chemical Dependency Education, and Mental Health Counseling.

Program Partners

The Golden Spike Treatment Ranch has developed vital program partnerships with various state and local government, private entities, and non-profit organizations. The purpose is to (1) share common and best practices for rehabilitation, (2) leverage financial and non-financial resources for enhancement of programs and expand operations, and (3) to increase individual access to rehabilitative treatment programs. **(See Partners)**

Golden Spike's Program Rational

The current solution of incarceration has proven to be ineffective for rehabilitating and then reintegrating ex-offenders into society. Across the United States, residential treatment facilities (e.g. Salvation Army Rehabilitation Centers) with employment preparation, rehabilitation, life skills training, and other services focusing on true rehabilitation have demonstrated success rates greater than 80%, whereas incarceration and follow-up (Parole Officer) produced success rates of only 20%.

¹ Utah Department of Corrections- Offender Population Management 10-year Plan