

# Dekens Community Store – Executive Summary

## **Mission:**

Dekens Community Store exists to serve those in need through self reliant, community based charity. We operate a nonprofit thrift store that turns local donations into affordable essentials, creating a direct aid model rooted in individual responsibility, patriotism, and compassion.

## **Vision:**

We envision a future where American communities empower themselves without dependence on government welfare. Dekens is a scalable model, designed to grow from a single storefront into a national network of locally governed, values driven support hubs

## **Structure & Status:**

We are currently:

- Finalizing our 501(c)(3) application
- Assembling a compliant founding board
- Engaged in legal review
- Operating under the temporary fiscal stewardship of the DBA "thefastpicker"

All funds raised are restricted to Dekens Community Store startup use. Tax exempt status is pending.

## **Programs & Services:**

Dekens Community Store will provide:

- Discounted goods through a donation based thrift shop
- Direct assistance to community members in crisis
- Volunteer opportunities for civic-minded locals
- Structured collaboration with the affiliated 501(c)(10) fraternal lodge, The Keeper Society

## **Funding Snapshot:**

Initial startup needs total **\$45,735**, including:

- Rent, inventory prep, equipment
- Legal/filing costs, insurance
- Outreach and donor acquisition

Income is projected through:

- Donations (monetary & in-kind)
- Founders' Circle memberships (\$500+ donors)
- Store revenue after launch
- Local Fundraising Events

## **Why It Matters:**

Too many Americans fall through the cracks. Dekens fills that gap with pride, integrity, and an unwavering belief in people helping people. Our business plan, bylaws, and financials are available for review.

## **Contact & Support:**

To learn more, offer support, or request our full business plan:

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