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PROPOSAL

HOPE CAN'T WAIT

FOUNDER'S LETTER

Life's journey can be unpredictable — filled with challenges that test our resilience and moments that reveal our true strength. At America's Family, we believe that no one should have to walk that road alone. Together, we are building pathways of hope and opportunity for those determined to reclaim purpose, dignity, and independence.



This year marked a **pivotal chapter in our story**. We secured the land upon which we will build **1848 McKinney** — a place where trades, AI technology, and community come together to reignite the American spirit. Here, men and women will learn hands-on skills, gain meaningful employment, and rediscover their place in a community that believes in them. Whether it's helping a veteran find a new career, a foster youth discover a trade, or a single parent secure a job with a future, our mission remains clear: to rebuild lives through education, connection, and purpose.

We know the challenges are great — from housing insecurity to skills gaps that keep too many on the sidelines of progress. Yet, the answer lies not in charity alone, but in partnership. America's Family is more than an organization; it's a **revolution of hope** leveraging neighbors, educators, business leaders, and donors coming together to give hope a home.

Let's keep building. Let's keep believing. Let's keep creating pathways where every American — regardless of where they start — has the chance to rise.
With gratitude and determination.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Bigari".

Steve Bigari

Founder, *America's Family*



CHALLENGES & SOLUTIONS

At America's Family, we believe everyone deserves an opportunity to thrive. By leveraging the power of collaboration between the public, private, and nonprofit sectors, we inspire underserved individuals with the hand-on development and support they need to become productive, thriving citizens.

MISSION

We provide trade school education, job skills training, transportation, essential resources, certifications, and job placement into American companies. We give hope to individuals, especially in the high-risk population where suicide is at an all-time high.

THE CHALLENGE

In 2022 alone, the United States recorded over **49,000 suicides** — the highest number ever reported. The majority of these suicides were contributed to **financial hardships**, lack of **self-belonging**, and a feeling as a **burden** to their family and loved ones.

Every day, **135 Americans** take their own lives.

1848 provides the tools and hope needed to prevent another suicide.

THE SOLUTION

1848 has already begun to directly address this epidemic of despair by **restoring purpose, belonging, and identity** to roughly 4,000 individuals over the past 24 months.

Suicide Attempts Among Autistic Population Between 14-23

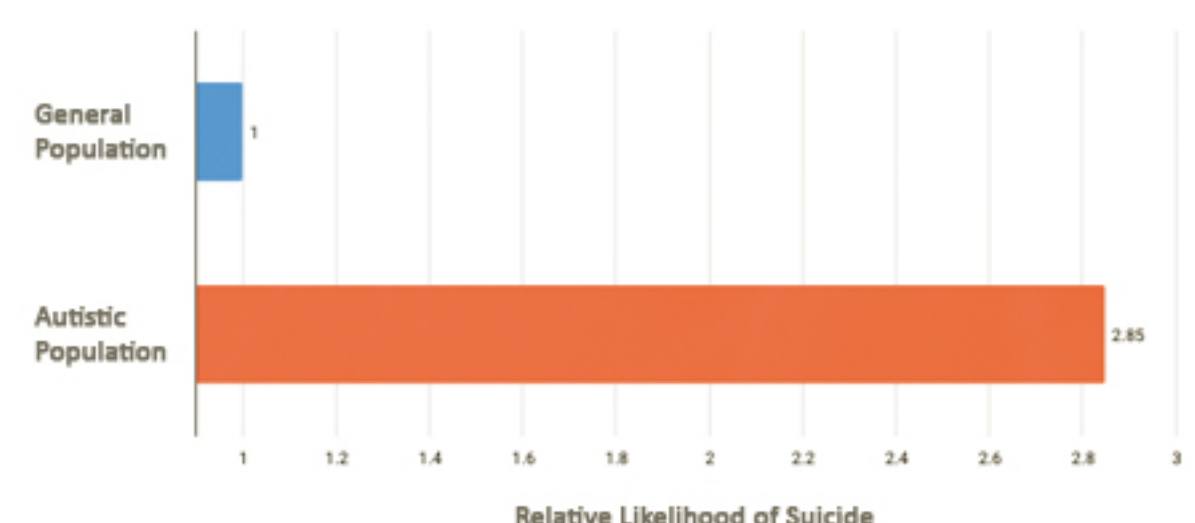


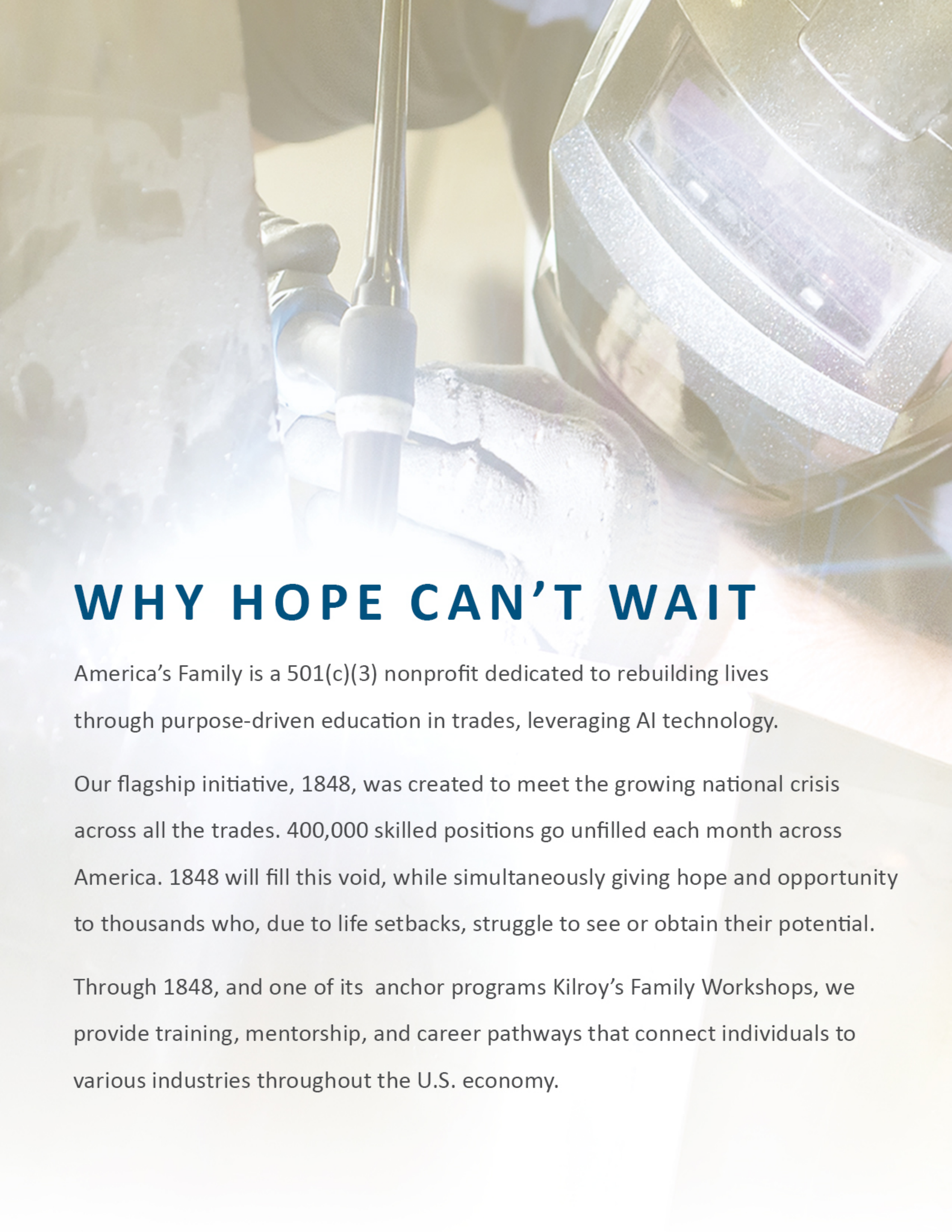
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Attempt Suicide

Increased Suicide Risk Among Autistic Population

Autistic individuals are 2.85 times more likely to die by suicide compared to the general population.





WHY HOPE CAN'T WAIT

America's Family is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to rebuilding lives through purpose-driven education in trades, leveraging AI technology.

Our flagship initiative, 1848, was created to meet the growing national crisis across all the trades. 400,000 skilled positions go unfilled each month across America. 1848 will fill this void, while simultaneously giving hope and opportunity to thousands who, due to life setbacks, struggle to see or obtain their potential.

Through 1848, and one of its anchor programs Kilroy's Family Workshops, we provide training, mentorship, and career pathways that connect individuals to various industries throughout the U.S. economy.

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BY AMERICA'S FAMILY

1848 is a community-based training and empowerment hub being developed in McKinney, Texas. Designed as both a trade-skills campus and a model for replication nationwide. 1848 brings together education, AI technology, and industry collaboration to give back hope through purpose-driven work and future-proof careers.

At the heart of 1848 are Kilroy's Family Workshops — hands-on trade schools currently operating in Littleton, CO, and McKinney, TX.

Kilroy's Family Workshop's provide blacksmithing, welding, machining, 3D printing, and leatherwork training for ages 9 through adult. Its learn-by-doing approach fosters confidence, craftsmanship, and belonging, restoring dignity through skill and mentorship.

- **1,328 total welding students trained across all campuses**
- **65% male and 35% female participation**
- **78% of students receive partial financial assistance**
- **Majority age group: 20–34 years old**



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STORIES OF IMPACT

- Keira found belonging and confidence after years of struggling to find identity.
- Zachary turned personal pain into mentorship, helping others find a second chance.
- Kade, once suicidal, found purpose, love, and a future through the Kilroy's community.

These are not isolated stories — they are **proof that the model works**. Each represents a life reclaimed, a purpose rediscovered, and a ripple of hope extending through families and communities.



ZACHARY

Today, I am not just surviving, I am helping others find a second chance. I was born in China, but by the grace of God, I was saved from the orphanage in China.

I've had seven surgeries, and I was bullied a lot. And at one point, I had lost all hope and decided to take my own life.

But then God stepped in and gave me a second chance. That moment changed me forever. And when I see students struggling, I feel their pain because I've lived it. I'm able to share with them my stories and give them a second look at life.

That is why 1848 matters to me so much, because people like me can find hope, community, and truly start again.



KEIRA

I struggled a lot with discovering who I am. It's incredibly difficult not knowing who you are.

Coming here made it easier. I finally had a place outside of my home that was safe, that had a great community. You get to make friends here that genuinely just care about you and your well-being. I also understand the struggle of adoption. I struggled with that for quite a while. But coming here has patched up everything, there's people who help you, and you feel safe, and just comfortable and better, you belong.



KADE

When I first started coming to Kilroy's, we were driving two hours both ways to get there and then back home. I was very suicidal at the time.

My friend had killed himself when we were young, and it left me in a pretty dark place. I wasn't okay.

But after starting to go to Kilroy's, I found direction, I found purpose. After going there for a while, things started to feel okay.

I found my lovely wife at Kilroy's. We are building a beautiful family and, there is hope for my future now.

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WHAT WE ARE BUILDING

Our Primary Goal: Create a scalable, sustainable model for trade education and community transformation through **1848 McKinney**, anchored by **Kilroy's Family Workshops**.



2026 Objectives:

1. **Complete physical site** development for the 1848 McKinney campus on newly acquired property in McKinney, TX.
2. **Launch expanded Kilroy's training programs** serving an initial 150–200 students annually.
3. **Establish partnerships** with 10+ local employers and three regional trade schools.
4. **Develop and distribute** a replication plan for future 1848 sites in other regions and states.



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PROVEN RESULTS WE SEE

Impact is measured through tangible outcomes that demonstrate restored independence and stability:

- 96% of participants complete training and certification programs.
- 99% obtain gainful employment within 90 days of graduation.
- 93% report increased self-confidence, purpose, and community connection.
- 100+ families experience improved economic stability within the first year.

BUILT TO LAST

America's Family and Kilroy's Family Workshops are designed for long-term impact to the communities they serve. Self-sustainability will be achieved through:

- Partnerships with trade schools, veteran organizations, and industry sponsors.
- A self-sustaining revenue stream via the 1848 Mercantile and future local retail businesses.
- Ongoing support from private donors and corporate partners through sponsorship programs.

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JOIN THE REVOLUTION

At America's Family, we believe hope can't wait.

1848 McKinney and Kilroy's Family Workshops are more than training centers, they are a movement to rebuild lives, strengthen families, and reignite the American spirit through purpose and work.

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