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I have feelings of excitement and anxiety with developing a program that will grow life in the community. I have excitement because my intentions of being a help and support the metro area of New York brings an example of hope that aims to seek out other like-minded individuals. The program will be functioned to provide the community with skills to remove themselves from daily stressors, negative energy and process ways to better perform within their environment. I also pray that I am amid practicing in my gift and being a good steward. I am anxious because of the new beginnings of a project that will impact many individuals. I understand that it may not be perfect, but I aim to do it right. This will be a learning experience where the process may be challenging because of this being a new venture. This rush of anxiety also stems from me being in my mid-thirties and desiring for my life to have meaning. Time becomes an apparent enemy that never gives up, never sleeps and never takes its foot off the brake. With the wisdom gained from this class I get closer to weeding out what I like and don't like, what I can manage and what I cannot, and where it's best for me to spend my energy.

The Latin meaning of the word philanthropy is defined roughly as "love for mankind" (*Online Etymology Dictionary, 2021*). Finding funders that

support the activities of my proposed program as an investment for future positive change can be daunting. As discussed in class, an exploration of finding not just any funder but one that best suits your programs values, mission, and perspectives.