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Subject: follow up

dear jeffrey

thanks for thinking about how to help. i am considering two non-profits, one the school that i mentioned where there is a possibility of creating a center for cognitive enhancement and brain plasticity. here is the link to their donation site:
<http://www.penikese.org/donate/ways-to-give/>

would this work?

here are a few questions:

1. could you do 75k or 100k? with this amount, we could really develop the tools to have a suite of tasks targeting specific aspects of brain plasticity and enhancement, with elegant interfaces.
2. would you set up the so-to-speak constraints, that the funds be targeted specifically for the work i wish to do, or would this come from me?
3. do you imagine carving off some amount of the contribution to the place itself so that they feel as if they are getting something as well? of course, they are getting something potentially big with the program i am bringing, but

i am meeting with the other organization this friday and will have a better sense then.

here is the basic idea, insight, and approach.

Brain plasticity, self-control, and the reduction of career criminals

1. career criminals cost society \$1-2 million dollars each.
2. career criminals reveal signature of self-control problem: repeated offenses despite punishments, interventions, etc. Self-control problems are the single best predictor of career criminals
3. capacity for self-control matures over development; youths have best shot of change due to neural plasticity
4. if we can prevent youth crimes or arrest recidivism, massive savings; this is an international problem, so there is opportunity for work abroad as well.
5. early assessments of self-control are highly predictive of future delinquency
6. self-control as an exhaustible short term resource... like fast twitch muscles
7. self-control like long term slow muscle for strength and support and can be strengthened
8. we have powerfully reliable and predictive assessment tools for self-control
9. we have a rich set of tasks that can improve self-control, specifically targeting brain plasticity and mechanisms for inhibitory regulation.

Put 1-9 together and we have a model for both early prevention of crimes as well as for reducing recidivism.

Goal: to develop more sophisticated, computer-based tools to assess and intervene on self-control and reduce crime, especially the number of career criminals that cost society millions of dollars.

best,

marc

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