Saving Our Youth

OUR WORLD IS IN THEIR HANDS

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WELCOME TO SUMMER!

Summer starts early this year for the youth, not the first day of the summer, but the first day of their summer break from school. They get out at the end of May, which is almost here. The youth are getting excited because we're planning several things for them during their summer break and right now we are working on our graduation.

Futures Without Violence

The youth will be graduating from this program on May 25th with a graduation ceremony at Six Points Innovation Center. We would love to see you there!

We started this class last year after the tragic loss of Antajuan Hawkins, one of our youth. Futures Without Violence is a Free Thinking Workshop which is geared towards helping youth with healthy coping skills in an area where violence is prevalent. We serve a vulnerable population with people in need of special care, support, or protection because of the circumstances of the community.

The workshop leans on the 4 pillars to aid them in making positive impacts:

- Vision – Free Thought
- Passion – Ambition and Self Esteem
- Discipline – Caring for others
- Risk – Strength, exposure to danger

Please join us in our celebration for the youth who completed this class.

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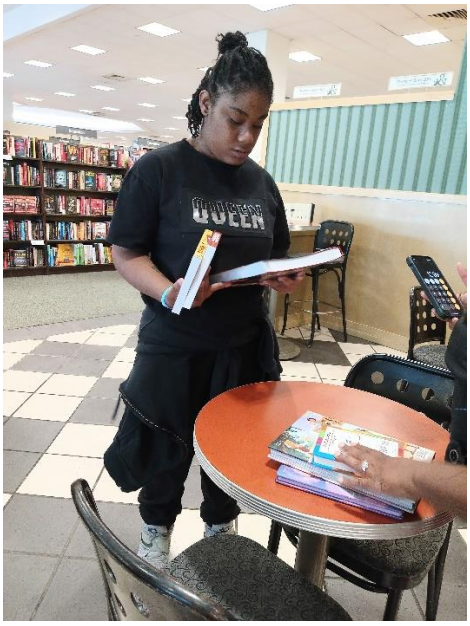
Reading Is Fundamental

We thank Mr. Alan Webb for giving a generous donation for us to take the youth to bookstores so they can select books to read! Reading is one of the main building blocks upon which a solid education can be built. We encourage the idea that reading is not just a hobby or pastime, but a foundational aspect of education and knowledge acquisition.



Anita P. Stoudmire, MA, LPC

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THERAPY CENTER

We thank Anita Stoudmire for instructing a class that addressing healthy relationship skills at this age (whether it's romantic, familial, friendships, etc.) and healthy communication skills!

All the youth said they really liked the survivors task list. They teamed up and had to choose from items they would take with them to survive on a desert island. Then they had to number the items according to the importance to them. They had to work together and agree on those items.

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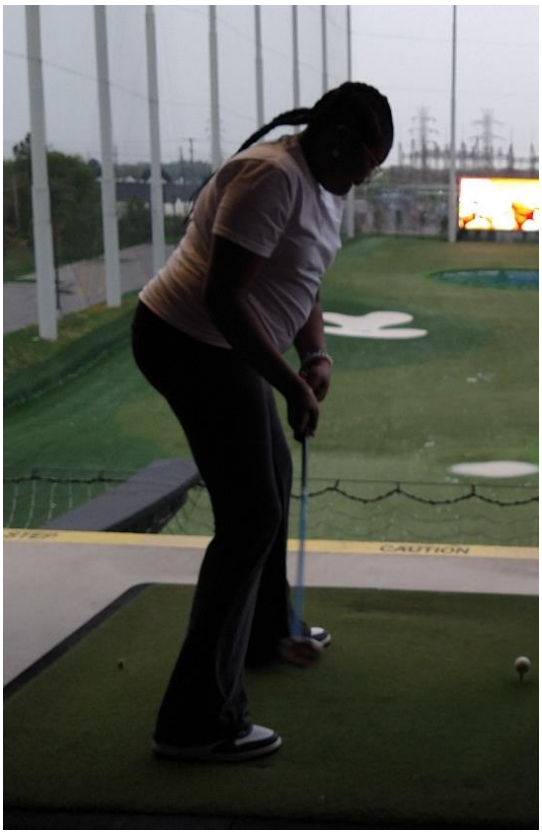
DURING SPRING BREAK
WE TOOK SOME OF THE YOUTH BACK TO TOPGOLF



Welcome Baby Zerani to the World!

In the last newsletter we included pictures of Amber, our Youth Liaison, at her baby Shower. We'll Baby Z is here!

Happy Birth Day

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Words from Executive Director to our Rising Seniors

Great things are just ahead, within your reach. Every day may not be good… but there's something good in every day. The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is extra. So during your senior year, dream a little extra and give a little extra. Follow your dreams with action and determination. You have the power to create the life of your dreams and to make the world a better place. I want to see you make your dreams, your tomorrow's reality. And this is very important for you to understand, what lies behind you and what lies in front of you, pales in comparison to what lies inside of you. And what lies inside of both of you is beautiful. True beauty is far beyond skin-deep. When you glow with inner peace and happiness, you radiate real beauty. Happiness comes from what we give of ourselves to others. In your senior year, let your beauty shine!

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