

The Second Opportunity for Success

URBAN CRIME PREVENTION INITIATIVE



Columbus Urban League
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Changing Lives.

The Link

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Community Partners

Reclaim Ohio

King Arts Complex

State Farm Insurance

Buckeye Boys Ranch

Nationwide Children's Hospital

Franklin County Children
Severices

Ohio Department of Rehabilitations
and Corrections

National Association of Blacks
in Criminal Justice

Franklin County Juvenile
Probation Department

Program Objective

The link newsletter is designed to keep you informed of the progress and accomplishments of our young phenomenal men and women. We educate all community partners on our movement to empower communities and change lives. **What is S.O.S.?** The Second Opportunity for Success is a program that focuses on young adjudicated offenders ages 10-18. Join us as we provide access and opportunity for youth that have been caught up in the juvenile justice system as we empower them to write the second chapter in their lives.



Congratulations, Second Opportunity for Success's Phenomenal Youth it's Graduation time!

The Second Opportunity for Success program is proud to announce our first graduates. Our "Phenomenal youth" of the S.O.S. program have completed Behavior Modification Training along with completion of community service and Crime Prevention. Our Phenomenal youth are required to attend Saturday sessions for the purpose of interacting in positive group activities as well as participating with peers that relate well with each other. Incentives are given to those who are exceptional in program participation. Completion requirements are: Minimum (6) Saturday Sessions

(6) hours of home and school visits, (15) hours of voluntary community service unless court order requires more, (2) hours of Better Decision Making, (2) hours of Resisting Negative Peer Pressure, (2) hours of Crime Prevention, (2) hours of Financial Literacy and development of Soft Skills.



Wade DeBerry
Jasmine Jones

Devonte Cunningham
Stephen Watkins

Tashon Miller
Michael Taylor

Joyasa Miller
Jaron Stewart

Patrick Glen

Levert Williamson
Sam Turner

Shelly Jones
Vincent Eldridge



These phenomenal youth are being recognized as graduates March 15, 2008 at the Columbus Urban League

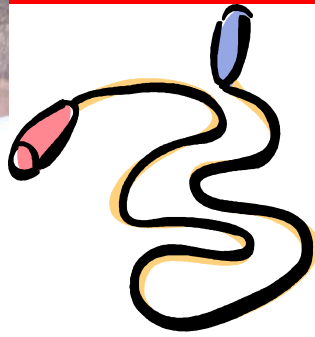
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Con't grads

Our Phenomenal youth that have completed Behavior Modification Training, are continuing to the graduate Phase 2 institute of The Second Opportunity for Success. Phase 2 consists of our youth becoming motivating speakers and facilitators in their own right. At this stage within their personal development, our youth are given specific leadership tasks that they facilitate as "phenomenal over-comers." There are various tasks that our phenomenal youth receive based upon their personal assessments, strong attributes, and determination to succeed, all our graduates are involved. Our youth are exposed as menaces to society when they committed bad decision making, but when they accomplish great feats they receive no exposure or recognition. The Urban Crime Prevention Initiatives' Second Opportunity for Success is committed to our youth that have fallen through societal cracks. Eliminating barriers and excuses is our aim. Our youth need to know, that our society will give them a second opportunity to succeed despite their youthful bad decision making. Remember, someone told these future life changers that they will never accomplish anything, we tell them what they should know, and now they stand before you proud because this is their accomplishments, no one can take that from them.



The Understanding Positive Creativity Workshop



The Understanding Positive Creativity Workshop was held at the Columbus Urban League February 20, 2008. The African-American Peer Leadership Against Tobacco group along with the Urban Crime Prevention Initiative at the Columbus Urban League teamed up to provide creative arts and crafts to 50 Columbus youth, in a fun filled evening at the Columbus Urban League. Various entertainers, rope specialists and artists of wide varieties were in attendance, as they heated up the Columbus Urban League with artistic flare and urban creativity. The Brothers Helping Brothers troop, set the Urban league ablaze with a champion jump rope team. The team specialized in acrobatics, multiple partners, and expert tricks. Music and food was provided, with the main emphasis of understanding positive creativity can come in various forms. We educate the youth that there are positive alternatives to crime and violence by using the arts. This is one of many efforts for young people to explore that there are many forms of positive cultural creativeness, right in their own community.



The Second Opportunity for Success

I am brilliant, focused, highly motivated and highly functional, I love myself and I forgive myself for what I have done. I am committed to improving my life phenomenal men and women do phenomenal things!!

We exercise positive reinforcement with our Phenomenal Affirmation

Author, Mark Jackson

Got Books?

Urban Crime Prevention Initiative hosts Book Scholarship Fundraiser



The Urban Crime Prevention Initiative is a collaborative effort with the Columbus Urban League and the Ohio Offices of Criminal Justice Services to create a statewide model program based on the successful prototype by the Florida Attorney General's Office in conjunction with the Florida Consortium of Urban Leagues. The Mongolian Bd Grille was host to our 1st annual college book scholarship fundraiser, that turned out to be a major success as we exceeded our monetary goal of two \$500.00 Book Scholarships. The grill was set on 600 degrees as the Columbus Urban League heated up the excitement at capacity for a great cause. Celebrities such as Minnesota Vikings strong safety and Ohio State All-American Michael Doss was in attendance as he grilled our Mongolian grub. The President & C.E.O. of the Columbus Urban League, Eddie Harrell Jr. performed a 2 hour shift of grilling, as he flipped the food with "expert" showmanship. Pastor Kenneth Moore & New Birth Ministries took the home the 3ft trophy for their generous contributions to the scholarship fundraiser, in hopes of keeping the trophy another year. Among other noted community juggernauts in attendance were: Andrea Carson N.A.B.C.J. Chapter President of Ohio, Pastor Donald Washington, of Mt. Hermon Baptist Church, God's girl Dawn of 106.3 Radio, Alan Bannister, from the Governor's Office of Faith Based Initiatives, The Street Pastor, Yaves Ellis & Jerry Saunders of Africentric Personal Development Shop just to name a few. These scholarships are based on professional goals, academic achievement, and financial need. Recipients must be attending an accredited institution with at least a 2.5 or higher grade point average to qualify for award. Youth are awarded for their hard work, perseverance, and resiliency, the Columbus Urban League is at the center for our youth's personal endeavors. Columbus let us continue to be committed to the social movement of improving communities and changing lives.