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## Community Connectors GRANT ASSURANCES

The parties referred to in this document are the Ohio Department of Education, herein referred to as "THE DEPARTMENT," and the applicant, herein referred to as the "GRANTEE," and any partnering entity who is not the lead applicant, herein referred to as the "CO-APPLICANT." THE DEPARTMENT may make funds available to the GRANTEE for programs operated by the GRANTEE in accordance with requirements and regulations applicable to such programs.

Consistent with state laws and regulations, the GRANTEE assures, if awarded a grant:

1. That the GRANTEE will accept funds in accordance with applicable state and federal statutes, regulations, program plans, and applications, and administer the programs in compliance with the United States and Ohio Constitutions, all provisions of such statutes, regulations, applications, policies and amendments thereto.
2. That the control of funds provided to the GRANTEE under the Community Connectors and title to property acquired with those funds will be in a designated eligible recipient and that a designated eligible recipient will administer those funds and property.
3. That the GRANTEE has the necessary legal authority to apply for and receive the proposed grant and enter into the contract.
4. That the GRANTEE will keep and maintain the required financial and compliance records in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code Section 117.11, utilizing generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) unless the GRANTEE has requested and received a waiver from the DEPARTMENT as to the method of accounting practices.
5. That the GRANTEE will make reports to THE DEPARTMENT as required or requested, and that may reasonably be necessary to enable THE DEPARTMENT to perform its duties. The reports shall be completed and submitted in accordance with the standards and procedures designated by THE DEPARTMENT and shall be supported by appropriate documentation.
6. That the GRANTEE will maintain records, and provide access to those records as THE DEPARTMENT and authorized representatives in the conduct of audits authorized by state statute. This cooperation includes access without unreasonable restrictions to its records and personnel for the purpose of obtaining relevant information.
7. That the GRANTEE will provide reasonable opportunities for participation by teachers, parents, and other interested agencies, organizations and individuals in the planning for and operation of the program, as may be necessary according to state law.
8. That any application, evaluation, periodic program plan or report relating to the Community Connectors will be made readily available to parents and to other members of the general public.

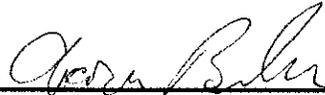
9. That no person shall, on the ground of race, color, religious affiliation, national origin, handicap or sex be excluded from participation, be denied the benefits or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the GRANTEE receives state financial assistance.
10. That the GRANTEE may not use its state funding to pay for any of the following:
  - A. Religious worship, instruction or proselytization.
  - B. The salary or compensation of any employee of the GRANTEE or any CO-APPLICANT, whose duties or responsibilities include the activities specified in paragraph 10A, herein. Salary or compensation of an employee paid directly by a faith-based entity or house of worship is permitted to be utilized as an applicant's in-kind contribution to draw down state matching funds, and is not otherwise prohibited by this section.
  - B. Equipment or supplies to be used for any of the activities specified in paragraph 10A, herein.
  - C. Construction, remodeling, repair, operation or maintenance of any facility or part of a facility to be used for any of the activities specified in paragraph 10A, herein.
11. That the GRANTEE shall continue its coordination with THE DEPARTMENT during the length of the grant period.
12. The GRANTEE shall cooperate in any evaluation by THE DEPARTMENT.
13. That the GRANTEE will comply with all relevant laws relating to privacy and protection of individual rights including 34 C.F.R. Part 99 (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974).
14. That the GRANTEE will comply with any applicable federal, state and local health or safety requirements that apply to the facilities used for a project.
15. That it shall maintain records for five years following completion of the activities for which the GRANTEE uses the state funding and which show:
  - A. The amount of funds under the grant.
  - B. How the GRANTEE uses the funds.
  - C. The total cost of the project.
  - D. The share of that total cost provided from other sources.
16. That in the event of a sustained audit exception, and upon demand of THE DEPARTMENT, the GRANTEE shall immediately reimburse THE DEPARTMENT for that portion of the audit exception attributable under the audit to the GRANTEE. The GRANTEE agrees to hold THE DEPARTMENT harmless for any audit exception arising from the GRANTEE's failure to comply with applicable regulations.
17. That the GRANTEE is aware all state funds granted to it are conditioned upon the availability and appropriation of such funds by the Ohio General Assembly. These funds are subject to reduction or elimination by the Ohio General Assembly at any time, even following award and disbursement of funds. Except as otherwise provided by law, the GRANTEE shall hold THE DEPARTMENT harmless for any reduction or elimination of state funds granted to it. In the event of non-appropriation or reduction of appropriation and notice, the GRANTEE shall immediately cease further expenditures under the Community Connectors.
18. The GRANTEE will adopt and use the proper methods of administering the grant and any sub grants, including, but not limited to:

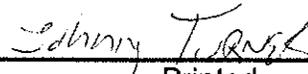
- A. The enforcement of any obligations imposed by law.
  - B. The correction of deficiencies in program operations that are identified through program audits, monitoring or evaluation.
  - C. The adoption of written procedures for the receipt and resolution of complaints alleging violations of law in the administration of such programs.
19. The GRANTEE, by submission of a grant proposal, agrees that THE DEPARTMENT has the authority to take administrative sanctions, including, but not limited to, suspension of cash payments for the project, suspension of program operations and/or, termination of project operations, as necessary to ensure compliance with applicable laws, regulations and assurances for any project. The GRANTEE acknowledges this authority under Ohio Revised Code Section 3301.07 (C), as applicable.
  20. . In the purchase of equipment and supplies, the GRANTEE will comply with state ethics laws and Ohio Revised Code Section 2921.42.
  21. That the GRANTEE will have effective financial management systems, which includes, but is not limited to, the ability to report financial data verifying compliance with program regulations and maintaining effective internal control over the operations of the approved grant.
  22. That the GRANTEE will obligate funds within the approved project period as set forth in the approved application and will liquidate said obligations not later than 90 days after the end of the project period for the grant.

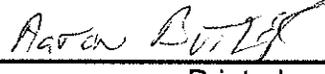
This assurance is given in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all grants, loans, contracts, property, discounts or other financial assistance extended after the date hereof to the GRANTEE by THE DEPARTMENT, including installment payments, after such date on account of applications for financial assistance which were approved before such date. The GRANTEE recognizes and agrees that such financial assistance will be extended in reliance on the representations and agreements made in this assurance, and that the State of Ohio shall have the right to seek judicial enforcement of this assurance. This assurance is binding on the GRANTEE, its successors, transferees and assigns. The person or persons whose signatures appear below are authorized to sign this assurance on behalf of the GRANTEE.

GRANTEE

  
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 Authorized Representative      Date

  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fiscal Representative      Date

  
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# JOB

Central Ohio Workforce Investment Corporation

April 27, 2009

RE: TEACH TEC

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of TEACH TEC and the outstanding work they have provided to the Central Ohio Workforce Investment Corporation (COWIC) in Columbus, COWIC/JOBLeaders. TEACH TEC has provided services to COWIC for the past three years. They are contracted to provide training to adults, dislocated workers and in-school youth. Additional services include resume writing, interviewing techniques, financial management, computer basics and job seeking skills. Their motto is, "Life Works...When YOU Work!" and their hard working, dedicated and results driven staff has successfully communicated and instilled this message to participants.

I am very pleased to have TEACH TEC as one of our Partners providing job training and enhancing individuals lives in central Ohio.

Sincerely,



Suzanne Coleman-Tolbert, M.S.  
President / CEO  
COWIC/JOBLeaders



**Description of Nature of Partnership**

In order to ensure the effective implementation of the Community Connectors program throughout the state, applicants are required to partner with education stakeholders from the faith, business, and nonprofit communities. Each applicant must identify its partners and include description of each respective partner's roles and responsibilities in question 12 of the grant application.

A partner agrees to provide human and material assets or access to academic and administrative resources to the grant applicant to develop or execute a Community Connectors grant application. However, in partnership, only the grant applicant is responsible for ensuring the grant is developed and executed according to the terms of the grant agreement.

**Each member of the partnership is responsible for the following assurances:**

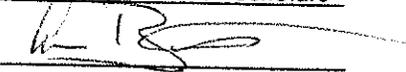
- 1) Be knowledgeable about the applicant's Community Connectors grant proposal and application, including advocacy of the Community Connectors program.
- 2) Maintain a familiarity with the partner's services to enhance the proposal, including specific goals and practices.
- 3) Demonstrate a commitment to clear roles and responsibilities of each partner as it relates to the grant proposal and application.
- 4) Sustain consistent communication among partners and stakeholders with a shared vision of the goals of the grant proposal. This includes participating in regularly scheduled meetings for project management and identifying areas for improvement.
- 5) Ensure partners have appropriate access to data for purposes of grant program improvement and evaluation in accordance with state and federal law.

Lead Applicant

Name: Aaron Butler

Title: Director

Organization: Academy for Urban Scholars

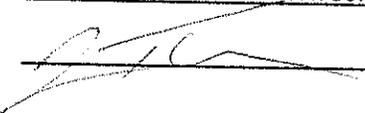
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Partner

Name: Johnny Turner

Title: Chief of Staff

Organization: National Center for Urban Solutions

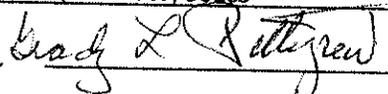
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Partner

Name: Judge Grady L. Pettigrew

Title: Chairman

Organization: African American Male  
Wellness Walk (AAMWW) 501c3

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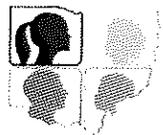
Partner

Name: Pastor Frederick V. LaMarr

Title: Pastor and CEO

Organization: FMBC & RHH4L

Sign: 



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Additional Partner (Optional)

Name: Deanna L. Wilkinson

Title: Associate Professor

Organization: The Ohio State University

Sign: *Deanna Wilkinson*

Additional Partner (Optional)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

## Roles and Responsibilities Worksheet (Required)

Describe how each applicant partner plans to contribute to the overall program plan including, but not limited to, time contribution, personnel contribution, monetary contribution, shared responsibilities, use of facilities, etc.

### 1. Faith-based organization:

- Time contribution

Full Gospel Faith Fellowship (Church) will conduct two spiritual leadership workshops and two service learning projects per program year through duration of grant period.

- Personnel contribution

The Church will commit 2-3 personnel contingent on scheduled workshop or project staff requirements.

- Monetary contribution

In kind contribution of Church staff will not exceed \$1,000 per program year.

- Shared responsibilities

The Church will collaborate with program leadership to facilitate all necessary components for service learning projects associated with community activity.

- Additional roles and responsibilities

Facilitate up to 10 volunteers per year to add direct mentoring services to Project MORE.

### 2. School district partner:

- Time contribution

The Academy for Urban Scholars is the lead applicant and school district for Community Connectors (CC) grant. AUS students will be served through Project MORE and the school will serve as the primary location for Project MORE activities. AUS Co-Directors and teachers will serve as tutors and assistants for student participants. AUS's Learning Coaches and Life Coaches will facilitate Wyman's Teen Outreach Program activities and exercises throughout duration of grant period.

The Academy For Urban Scholars Life Coaches (2) will contribute a combined to 440 hours annually facilitating Wyman's Teen Outreach Program (TOP) curriculum for one hour and 20 minutes, four days per school week for an estimated 40 week calendar school year.

- Personnel contribution

Dr. Jordan Argus, Project Director for Project MORE will devote 75% of his time in year 1, 75% in year 2, and 50% in year 3 and beyond. His salary and benefits will be covered at 35%, 50%, and 50% by local contributions. He will oversee overall program implementation, manage student assessment data

collection, provide leadership to leadership team, evaluate staff performance, screen/interview potential mentors, and audit contracts/contractor/program compliance). The Program Coordinator will devote 100% of her time in years 1 and 2 with grant funds covering yr 1 completely, 75% in yr 2, and 0% in year 3. The PC oversees day-to-day operations, directly supervises the LCs, troubleshoots with challenging situations, and carries a caseload of 10-15 students. Payroll expenses will be incurred by AUS for two full-time Life Coaches dedicated to Project MORE as part of the local contributions. Life Coaches will have responsibilities for managing a caseload of 25-30 students each, serve as a connector to partners and community resources.

- **Monetary contribution**

AUS will contribute \$7,635 for "Next Steps" in year 3.

- **Shared responsibilities**

Linkages with colleges, universities, vocational programs, and all workforce services will be accessed/initiated by a joint team of the Project MORE Program Director and the School Director from AUS.

- **Additional roles and responsibilities**

Project MORE's program design calls for Life Coaches to be on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

### **3. Business partner:**

- **Time contribution**

The National Center for Urban Solutions will contribute hours annually throughout the duration of program administration.

- **Personnel contribution**

Principal Contact for NCUS will contribute 25% of his time to Project MORE.

- **Monetary contribution**

- **Shared responsibilities**

Planning and alignment of all workforce training activities will be facilitated through the Program Director.

- **Additional roles and responsibilities**

### **4. Community nonprofit (if applicable):**

African American Male Wellness Walk

- **Time contribution**

AAMWW will lend one contact person for 8 hours per week for 40 weeks for a total of 320 total hours per calendar school year for Project MORE.

- **Personnel contribution**

Principal contact for AAMWW will contribute 20% of his time to Project MORE.

- Monetary contribution

AAMWW will not provide any monetary contribution.

- Shared responsibilities

AAMWW will coordinated career exploration opportunities with AUS and The National Center for Urban Solutions.

- Additional roles and responsibilities

AAMWW participants will provide high-growth industry career exploration exposure for participants through: scheduling quarterly guest speakers; creating job shadowing opportunities; and facilitating local field trips to high growth industry companies.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE  
P. O. BOX 2508  
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: JUL 31 2013

AFRICAN AMERICAN MALE WELLNESS WALK  
495 S HIGHE ST STE 250  
COLUMBUS, OH 43215

Employer Identification Number:  
45-4831268  
DLN:  
17053137377013  
Contact Person:  
SUSAN Y MALONEY ID# 31210  
Contact Telephone Number:  
(877) 829-5500  
Accounting Period Ending:  
December 31  
Public Charity Status:  
509(a)(2)  
Form 990 Required:  
Yes  
Effective Date of Exemption:  
March 15, 2012  
Contribution Deductibility:  
Yes  
Addendum Applies:  
No

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.

Please see enclosed Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

Sincerely,



Director, Exempt Organizations

Enclosure: Publication 4221-PC

Letter 947 (DO/CG)

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE  
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CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: AUG 14 2012

ACADEMY FOR URBAN SOLUTIONS  
899 EAST BROAD ST STE 450  
COLUMBUS, OH 43205

Employer Identification Number:

27-2039301

DLN:

301292096

Contact Person:

TERRY IZUMI

ID# 95048

Contact Telephone Number:

(877) 829-5500

Accounting Period Ending:

December 31

Public Charity Status:

170(b)(1)(A)(ii)

Form 990 Required:

Yes

Effective Date of Exemption:

March 5, 2010

Contribution Deductibility:

Yes

Addendum Applies:

Yes

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

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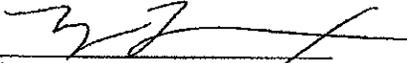
**RESOLUTION #76**

The Board of Directors of The Academy for Urban Solutions held September 27, 2012, a quorum being present, the following resolutions was duly enacted.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of The Academy for Urban Solutions has agreed to approve the school name change from The Academy for Urban Solutions to The Academy for Urban Scholars.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of The Academy for Urban Solutions authorized the above mentioned name change.

Unanimously adopted  
September 27, 2012

  
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Tonya Broadnax, Board President  
The Academy for Urban Solutions



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This is not a bill. Please do not remit payment.

NATIONAL CENTER FOR URBAN SOLUTIONS  
ATTN PAM DUCKETT  
899 E BROAD ST STE 450  
COLUMBUS, OH 43205

**STATE OF OHIO  
CERTIFICATE**

**Ohio Secretary of State, Jon Husted**

**1919694**

It is hereby certified that the Secretary of State of Ohio has custody of the business records for

**THE ACADEMY FOR URBAN SCHOLARS**

and, that said business records show the filing and recording of:

Document(s):  
**AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES**

Document No(s):  
**201231000562**



United States of America  
State of Ohio  
Office of the Secretary of State

Witness my hand and the seal of the  
Secretary of State at Columbus, Ohio  
this 2nd day of November, A.D.  
2012.

Ohio Secretary of State



COMMUNITY SAFETY INSTITUTE & MINISTRIES 4 MOVEMENT

## FROM RESEARCH TO PRACTICE: BRIDGING THE GAPS THROUGH COLLABORATION

FALL 2014/WINTER 2015

### COLLABORATORS' GREETINGS!

#### Dr. Deanna Wilkinson's Message

Greetings neighbors and friends! The Ministries 4 Movement team has been very active in our community this fall and early winter. Our humble efforts concentrate geographically in the 43206 zip code in Columbus and most intensively from 22<sup>nd</sup> Street on the west, Livingston Avenue on the north, Lockbourne Road on the east, and Whittier Avenue on the south.



We hope to expand our boundaries in 2015. In this issue, you will read about the efforts of the M4M partners, volunteers, and community members who have gotten engaged in the movement. We are growing in strengthen and numbers. [...continued page 2]

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#### Brother Cecil Ahad's Message



We have made pioneering achievements in developing the foundations, relationships and collaborations toward re-establishing positive community life in the urban neighborhood. We are excited for 2015 to bring on even

more collaborators, resources and reaching set goals by the end of our year, October 2015. The National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice (NABCJ) has joined M4M in bringing their professional experience and expertise in Criminal Justice to us.

We're also committed to working, in our area and all of Columbus, with something else that affects us all—the silent community crisis of Infant Mortality. There were **147 deaths** of babies under one year old in Franklin Co. in 2014. This number represents 3-4 babies dying every week. Black babies are dying at rate 2.5 times more than white babies. This is shameful. We look forward in doing our part to address this crisis and save lives. [...p. 2]

#### Pastor Frederick LaMarr's Message



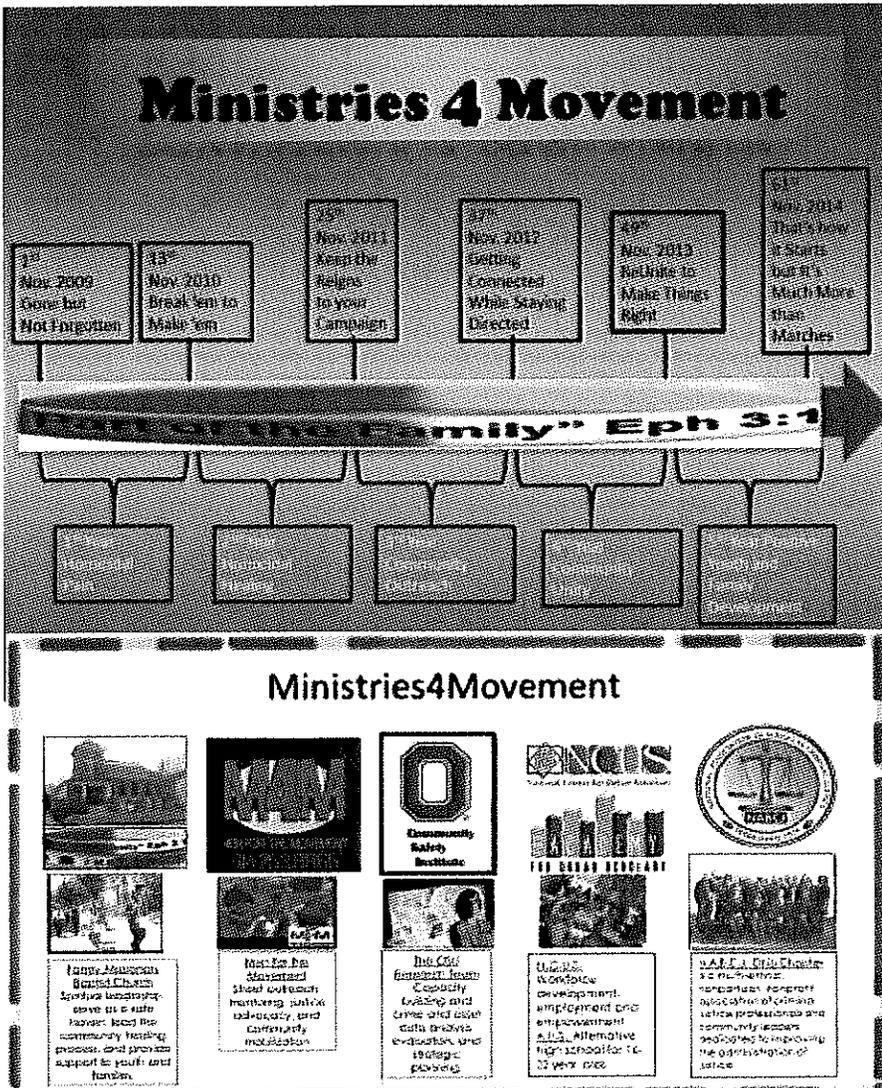
Everyday the headlines of the associated press further proves and propagates the point that people of color, despite economical status will continue to be ostracized, scandalized and marginalized. In other words they really don't matter; from the echoes of the past with Rodney Kings to the not so recent past with the Emmett Tills. From the South Central, LA, to Ferguson Missouri to Brooklyn New York and now the latest verdict: Black Man sentence to 35 years for killing a police dog. My spirit got

stirred until the spirit of God arrested me and reminded me "Don't hate the players but know the game." Though the game is played on the field and court we must remember the plays are called from the sideline and the press box. So we have to understand, like the Apostle Paul, who despite his discouraging spirit from the previous trouble he endured in Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea and Athens. He was encourage that he would win much people so he continue to displayed that he was still connected to the press box of heaven and call. in plays from the sidelines of house arrest. To show believers in a biblical city, much like Columbus filled with Sports minded (*yes I am a buckeye fan*) proud, busy, intellectual but immoral folks, that struggle with the 3 pitfalls Sex, Substance and Status. [cont. on page 2.]

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Please donate to  
Ministries4Movement



Get to Know Ministries 4 Movement (M4M)



Vision and Mission

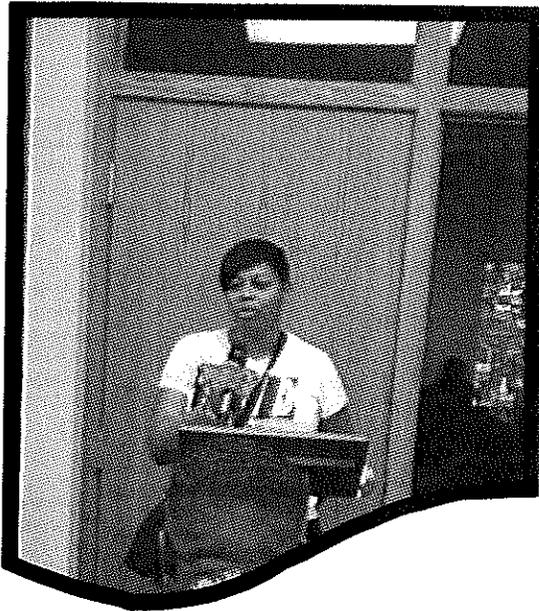
Our vision and mission is bringing our people into the awareness of their total being of body, soul and spirit, and to bring about a combined community commitment of restoring structure, support, stability and security through banning together to evaluate, educate, and elevate each and everybody. This shared mission and vision required creating a system of changing the conditions, improving the quality of life, investing in our youth and families, and promoting safety by decreasing the crime and violence in our community. Our approach is community-centered, grassroots and collaborative.

Ministries 4 Movement (M4M) represents the partnership of Family Missionary Baptist Church, Men for the Movement, the OSU Community Safety Institute, National Center for Urban Solutions, the Academy for Urban Scholars, and the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice (NABCJ) Ohio Chapter, and many members of the community.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●Spiritual/ Religious Guidance</li> <li>●Parenting class, after school homework help</li> <li>●Summer Boot camp</li> <li>●Restorative Justice</li> <li>●Community Service</li> <li>●Organizing for Safety and Wellness</li> <li>●Grief counseling</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●Community Outreach and Support</li> <li>●Door to Door Community Engagement</li> <li>●Restorative Justice</li> <li>●Mentorship</li> <li>●Modeling</li> <li>●Visioning and Planning</li> <li>●Infant Mortality</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●Research analysis</li> <li>●Community and Youth Development</li> <li>●Curriculum Development</li> <li>●Translating Research into Evidence Based Practice</li> <li>●Program Evaluation</li> <li>●Educating tomorrow's leaders</li> <li>●Writing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●Workforce development</li> <li>●Employment</li> <li>●Job readiness training</li> <li>●Support for Teen Mothers</li> <li>●High School Education</li> <li>●Leadership development</li> <li>●Adult education (coming soon)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●Prison/Jail Connections</li> <li>●Re-entry</li> <li>●Advocacy</li> <li>●Scholarships</li> <li>●Mentorship</li> </ul>
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Reaching Higher Heights News

By Mrs. Renita Adams



Very eventful is the way to describe our last three months as we gained a little insight about the opportunities available to us through Communities in Schools and the ADAMH Board. While we've always had the ministry of working with parents to bridge the gap between home and school during the summer, this gave us the ability to expand to a year long program. In the past three months we have had several events in an effort to bring families closer together. We've also had the privilege of working to help parents develop better skill concerning helping their child with homework through our Homework Heros program.

In October we had our annual Trunk or Treat which is held to create a safe environment for our children and parents on Beggars Night. We were able to provide a warm meal, games and prizes inside before the children went outside and walked around to twenty cars with trunks full of candy. During this time we held an informational meeting with parents in order to provide them with resources about holiday help and help with other forms of assistance.

The month of November was full of events. On the 16th and 23rd we held the B.E.S.T. (Beware Entertaining Strangers Test) Harvest Fest. At this event we were able to service a total of 50 families by providing them with a warm sit down meal as well as a fully cooked Thanksgiving meal to take home. Each family had a person sitting at the table that was not a member of their family which represented an angel. Each family was blessed with a gift from their angel. The test was to see how the families interacted at the dinner table and six of those families received a prized for having good table manners.

We dedicated the month of December to bonding our families through field trips. On the 6th our young men their Father's attended a workshop hosted by the Deacons of FMBC. Afterwards they went to Rule 3 with some of the older girls and their moms for a little bowling and pizza. COSI came out on the 16th for a night filled with family fun and prizes. The families spent time at different stations working together and took breaks to enjoy dinner. On the 21st we had our annual Christmas musical in which our youth were able to show off their talents through performing arts. They invited their parents and other friends and family and boy did they show up! The youth did an awesome job dancing and drumming! Just the day before, they were able to enjoy a play at the Children's Theater. We finished the month with a trip to see the Trans Siberian Orchestra on the 28th and Dinner and a movie on the 30th.

As you can see we've done lots of things to encourage our families that it is OK to hang out and do positive things together. Exposing young people to things that they may not ordinarily get to do opens their eyes to possibilities. We are dedicating 2015 to doing just that! If we as a community don't do it....who will?



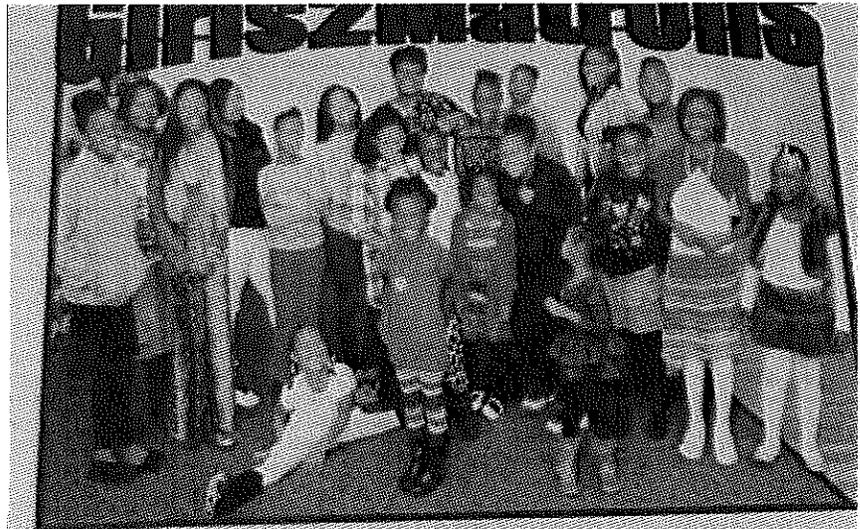
Family Night with Cosi

Girls to Matrons, RHH4L Parenting Classes and Homework Heroes

by Tiffany Johnson

Proverbs 22:6 says "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." It's difficult to train a child when those doing the training don't have the necessary skills, So we decided to start parenting classes.

The purpose of our program is to equip participants with foundational principles. We focus on religion, resources, relationships, and reviving. Empowering parents to be successful leaders using model behavior. Breaking the cycle of the do as I say not as I do concept that many inner city families use in the home. We promote parents, schools, and community to work together as one for the common good of the youth. Our program allows parents to be known, heard, and valued. Class takes places every Tuesday and Thursday from 11:00 to 12:30 p.m. with lunch provided. Come be apart of something great and life changing. I encourage any parent looking to make a change to sign, show up, and make a difference. We recently introduced the Homework Hero program for the youth. The purpose of this program is to assist the youth with school work and build good study habits. This takes placed every Wednesday from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. We also do school visits to meet with teachers to find out what areas the youth need further assistance. As well as to check on behavioral issues. We do Family game night the 4th Thursday of every month too! Look at the joy of family togetherness!



Connecting to our Civics and Other Community Organizations

by Minister Aaron K. Hopkins



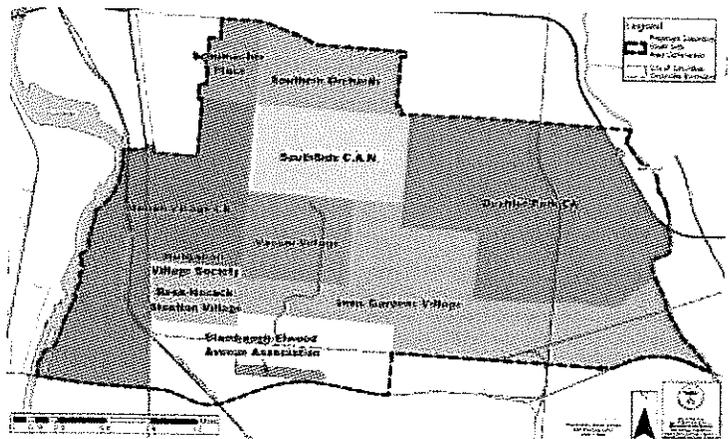
In the continuing ongoing celebration of community and cultivating the roots of Family and the foundational structure and stability in its economic, educational and environmental influences. M4M has been Very effective in engaging the residents to participate in actively accessing of their goods through a marching initiative.

As the outreach minister at family missionary, the mission of **“making a profound impact on our homes neighborhood city state and nation”**,.....comes as an individual challenge to myself to do my part as a “spoke in the wheel of collaboration and partnerships”. To move *past the obstacles of getting the Salt (of effectiveness), out of the shaker of (personal commitment)*. Within this work is the balance of displaying to residents of community and members of the church, that the greater axis of Relationship is first Vertical and then Horizontal. To display first, a balanced concern for a solid foundation of faith and Belief, and then the application of manifesting my beliefs horizontally to my neighbors in action..... We just can't talk about it, but have to be about it.

In the vision of Pastor Lamarr, it was necessary for the church—which should be centered in the community, a place of **RELATIONSHIPS, RESOURCES, REVIVING, AND REDEMPTION**, — to be effective in engaging and energizing the civic community. As a resident of Wilson Avenue for the past 25 years and raising my family of (6) it was necessary to partner with the civic organization as a member of the community to address the concerns of the community, hear the needs of the community and assist as a servant to community in voicing in a unified manner the **accessing of our needs** and our **accessing of our goods** to effectively enhance our surrounding and overall living conditions, and the outcomes of our goals, and the village concept of working together to achieve a village mentality. Within the Southside of Columbus there are various civic organization that operate on your behalf and needs your voice, input, and participation to further enhance the views outlooks and safety as we attempt to give our families the best possible advantage at enjoying the “life more abundantly “ that the Bible speaks of in..... these civic and block watch organizations usually meet once monthly for 90 minutes. There is also a Southside area Commission that oversees and approves various activities in your community. Whether a homeowner or a renter, you should see yourself as a resident, and if a resident, then a part of the solutions needed to bring about change for your concerns.

Family Missionary resides in the Southern Orchard Civic area. Just south at Whittier is Southside CAN (community action network), with Vassar Village south of Frebis and west of Champion Avenue to Parsons Avenue. East of Lockbourne Road is Driving Park and Deshler Park civic associations. Various block watches also operate in our area to promote safety and community organizational activities designed to bring neighbors together in small but effective groups. As a board member of Southside CAN, we encourage you to find out times and locations of your Civic association meetings. Attend a meeting; make voice and your efforts felt. As each of us participates in various community activities we can bring relationship and resource information to and from the church to civic and civic to the church.

I thank you for your time and your ministry partnership through these 60 plus months of active engagement.  
**Minister Aaron K. Hopkins; out-reach ministry / associate Gospel minister F.M.B.C.**



Community Org.	Mtg Date, Time, Place
Southside Area Commission	4th Tuesday, 7:00 pm 580 E. Woodrow Avenue
Livingston Area Commission	3rd Tuesday, 6:30 pm 640 S. Ohio Ave.
South Orchards Civic	1st Tuesday, 6:00 pm Stowe Mission, 888 Parsons Ave
Southside CAN Civic	2nd Monday, 7:00 pm South High School, 1160 Ann St.
Vassar Village Civic	1st Monday, 7:00 pm Barrack Rec. 580 E. Woodrow Avenue
Deshler Park Civic	3rd Thursday, 6:00 pm Alvis House 1755 Alum Creek Dr.
Edgewood Acres Civic	2nd Tuesday, 7:00 pm 1111 E. Stewart Ave.
M4M	1st Sunday, 3:00 pm 996 Oakwood Ave.

Sharing the Harvest

by Benjamin Price

The FMBC Feeding program is held every Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 to 12:30 pm. Members of the community share issues that effect the community during open discussion during lunch. In addition, the FMBC parenting class has been incorporated into the feeding program with great success.

The Thanksgiving and Christmas luncheons featured 9 course meals that many community members were able to enjoy, and to some this was their only holiday meal.

The FMBC feeding program is funded by the missionary department of the church and ADAMH. In cases of crisis or great need, the feeding program provides food packages to assist community members in need.

Tidbits

by Rev. James Thomas

TIDBITS ...God's cell phone number.

TIDBITS ...By the grace of God, get your pencils and pens out, I will give to you God's cell phone number (Read Jeremiah 33:3)

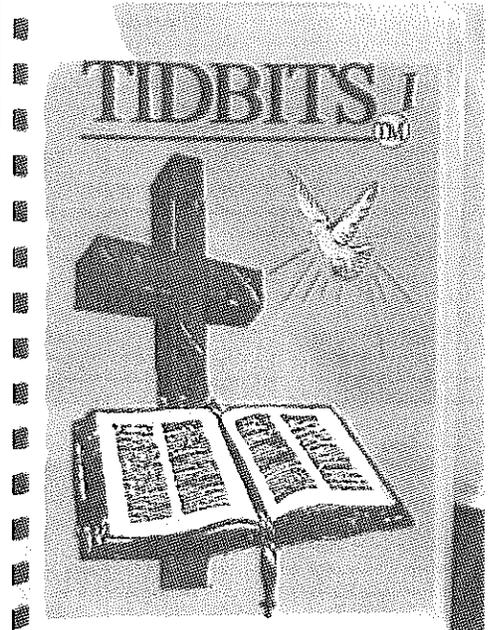
SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 33:3)

"Call unto me, and I will answer thee and shew thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not. "

This fast moving world is so connected with each other, television, cell phones, computers

—all these are good, but can and will fail.

There is one who is Eternal and will never fail. Without a doubt; His name, our Lord Jesus Christ!



TIDBITS ...through the storm

TIDBITS God's rainbow is the SON shinning through the storm. (Read II Corinthians 4:9)

SCRIPTURE: II Corinthians 4:9 "Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; "

The storms of life is not always, it could be, desert storm, snow storm, or even a wind storm.

But all these storms are short lived, even the rain storm can give you problems for a season.

But in the Eternal is peace. His name is Prince of Peace Jesus!!!

## Justice Sunday: Let me Read you your Rights

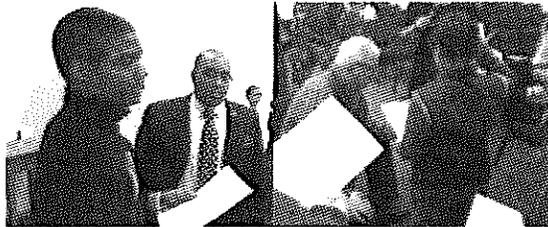
By Vernise Robinson



On, Sunday, January 4, 2015 the Columbus Affiliate of the Ohio Chapter of the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice (NABCJ) kicked off its Justice Sunday activities at the Family Missionary Baptist Church in collaboration with the Ministries for Movement. Justice Sunday was founded in 2003 by the National Alliance of Faith and Justice. Congresswoman Joyce Beatty and Senator Sherrod Brown serve as Honorary Co-Chairs for Justice Sunday.

Using the national theme, "A Charge To Keep We Have To Serve This Present Age," Justice Sunday™ is an annual benchmark in select NAFJ affiliate and NABCJ chapter locations to expand the PEN OR PENCIL™ National Mentoring Initiative. Activities foster constructive dialogue and fellowship, steps to improve personal and public confidence, and a platform for community volunteering and voice by fostering evidenced based, culturally compatible experiences for youth and mentors, to include collaboration with criminal justice professionals.

On this day several NABCJ members attended the 62<sup>nd</sup> consecutive 1st Sunday March and Workshop. The workshop consisted of the history of Justice Sunday, remarks by Vernise Robinson, National Secretary and Midwest Regional Director for NABCJ and Chad Smith, the Central Ohio Regional Representative for Senator Sherrod Brown's Office, who presented a Congratulatory letter to NABCJ and Family Missionary Baptist Church. The Justice Sunday video was played and the youths in attendance participated in an activity called, "Let Me Read You Your Rights". Often times, when the word "rights" is mentioned it is associated with the necessity to have Miranda Rights read at a point of arrest or detention. These instances generate a negative impression of rights; however as citizens, we have more than just the right to go to jail and be silent. The purpose of the activity is to make the youth more aware of our rights intended by the Constitution of the United States.



To view the Justice Sunday video please visit: [http://nafj.org/ongoing\\_initiatives.php](http://nafj.org/ongoing_initiatives.php) To learn more about the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice please visit: [www.nabcj.org](http://www.nabcj.org); and the National Alliance of Faith and Justice at: [www.nafj.org](http://www.nafj.org). For information about membership you may contact [vrobinson@ohionabcj.org](mailto:vrobinson@ohionabcj.org) or by phone at 419.509.3800.

## Youth Representing on our Community

Our very own Bria Adam made her TV debut on Bounce23TV's new show **Pulse of the City**. She spoke about her involvement in mentoring younger children as a junior counseling at the Reaching Higher Heights Summer youth camp. Bounce TV is on WOW Cable 192; Insight Time Warner 212; over the air TV on channel 23. Pulse of the City airs on Sunday nights at 7:30pm. February Show Guest: Moderator John Little, Columbus own Movie Producer Wolfman Black, Leroy Kendrick, Barbara Clark and The one and only Shawn Stevenson. Call your cable provider now and tell them you need TO WATCH COLUMBUS COMMUNITY CONNECTION **Pulse of the City**. Only on Bounce23TV.

## Featuring Bria Adams



A Message to the Youth

By Chaz Jefferson



Young people the time is now! You are at a critical point in your life where every choice that you make can determine where your future is going. You are truly in control of your own destiny, but the real question is what are you doing now to be sure your future is bright? Are you taking advantage of all the opportunities that are out here in the world? Are we doing the right things? Are we continuing our education? Are we working? I ask these questions because these aspects are what it will take for you to be successful in life.

There needs to be a sense of urgency in our youth today to want to do better for themselves and for their family. The challenge will consist of just wanting to have more for yourself and not settle for whatever is going on in your life right now. Strive for greatness, challenge yourself and make your dreams a reality before your youthful days are up. The most powerful thing is the world to me is time and that is simply because it waits for nobody. You will spend more than half of your years on this planet as an adult and only 17 years in your youth. That is 17 years which go by pretty fast to know what it is exactly you want out of life.

Denzel Washington has a great point for my next message for our youth. He believes dreams without goals remain dreams. That is a great thought and it is very self-explanatory. Young people you have to have some sort of goals you have to set for yourself. This will only increase your chances of being successful because you actually have a plan about life and you know what you want out of it. Sometimes dreams do not always come true and some of your goals will not always be achieved. You have to remain resilient and be willing to get through any adversity you are faced with because life is not always easy. Adversity sometimes is the best teacher and it is up to you how you deal with it. Some people run from it and some people take adversity head on. Tough times do not last only tough people so wake up young people. The World is yours!

M4M 5th Year Anniversary Reflections and More....

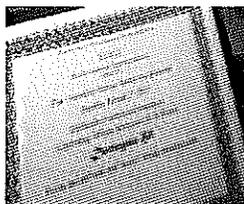
By Dartangnan Hill



November 5, 2014... This is our 5th year anniversary, we have been moving through this community. A lot has happened, we have lost a lot of people, we have saved a lot of people too, including me. Just recently, Power 107.5 listeners and community members selected me for the 2014 Favorite Community Leader award. I want to give this award to you all because I got leaders who helped me to get to where I am at in my life and I couldn't be doing what I do without all of you, your participation in M4M. **This award for you —my community.**



January 24, 2015...I am really really starting to understand why our kids are dying and not caring about life. For one, here it is—take a look at the picture on the left. I am at a candlelight vigil for lil Quincy that his friends put together for him and yet there is not one parent, beside myself, out here supporting they kids in a time of mourning... I don't wish death on anyone but I promise **you if your kid is out here alone with no real support for a parent or someone responsible in they life please don't be surprised if your kid is killed next or kills someone else...** Much love to big Quincy. Rest easy lil q.



February 7, 2015 ...Just left Chillicothe correctional institution and I swear its way too many people I haven't seen in awhile locked up! One love to CarBear from duece, taytay from miller, dawg from juanie boys, and the other 200 people that came to hear my message about why its time to #startliving... **In order to live you gotta be able to breathe... So don't let your surroundings suffocate you...** I see so much talent locked up in CCI. Thank you to MALI for the community service award! Thanks to Bro Cecil, Sonnie, and Uncle Bennie. Most of all, I wanna say I love you to my Dad Big Kim coming into prison and seeing you today was a blessing can't wait to for you to come home.

I just want everybody who reading this to know that there may be a lot of hard times in your life but those hard times only make you stronger. **OG Half I am Present 4 peace**

## Out of the Mouths of Babes

By John Gregory

The phrase “out of the mouths of babes” means something slightly different to me these days. In the context of babes spouting truths, I interpret it much the same as all of us acquainted with Christianity, but lately its meaning has morphed to something more. It is easy to dismiss young peoples’ opinion of what the solution is for their lives, but at a closer glance, I’m finding them to be experts in their own right.



We recently assigned a group of young men writing and presentation exercises to improve upon their ability to communicate. We’ve identified communication skills, among an assortment of other skills, as a central component to workplace success - no matter the position, no matter the task. They were given two themes (The Struggle & 20 years From Now...) to contemplate and share their perspective. What started out as a literacy exercise graduated to a mentoring session where we, the practitioners found ourselves in class...being taught... what to do. There were heartfelt pleas beckoning guidance and direction, broken English and improper sentence composition screaming for remediation, expressed anxieties of what dinner will, or won’t, be tonight, and confirmations that our education system today has not evolved enough to serve best them.

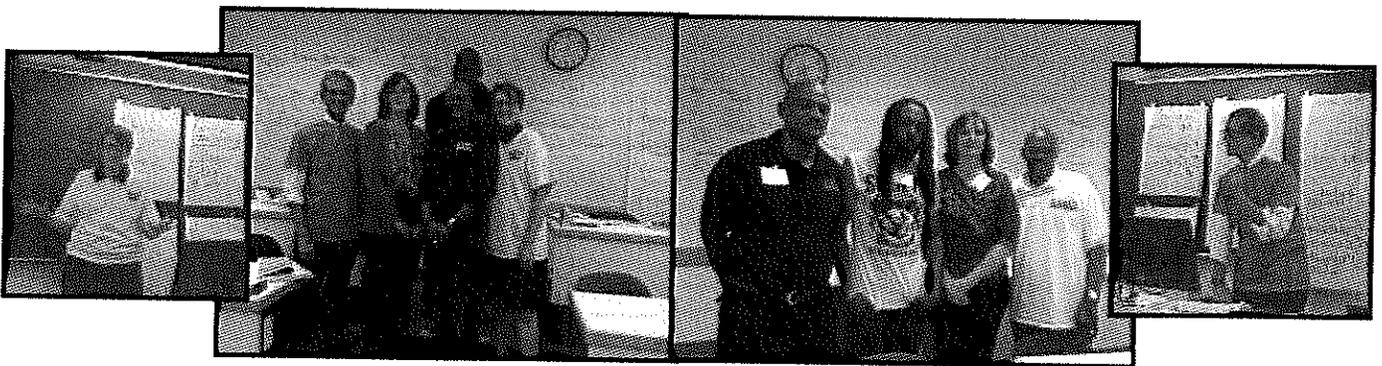
Young people are far wiser than we think. They calculate at a much higher frequency than we’ve measured. Their intellect at times demonstrate a level of sophistication well beyond Common Core, OGT’s and the newly developed PARCC exams. They tell us what they need daily, at times more clearly than others, better than any prognosis we arrive at. For example, we’ve found disguised in anger the inability to communicate their feelings or position. We have learned that indifference sometimes means they simply do not understand. Inconsistency and absenteeism speaks to broken relationships and abandoned commitments. The answers to self-regulation are shrouded in misbehavior and ambivalence. And to think that all this wisdom is borne of those we serve is quite humbling.

After twenty plus years of working in the urban community I’ve witnessed individuals design elaborate, strategic schemes that manipulate governmental systems with ease. So called “disadvantaged” people continue to evade, and at times, confound rigorously designed fail proof protections with ingenious maneuvers that appear to be simple. These people are intelligent. We just have to figure out how to redirect and empower it.

At the Academy for Urban Scholars, we have resolved ourselves to aspire to lead the nation in educating urban youth by changing the paradigm of how education is delivered in the urban community. As we begin this new year of 2015, I am reminded that the most intriguing, capable people have not necessarily been those who sit in high places, but rather those whom I’ve been privileged to serve.

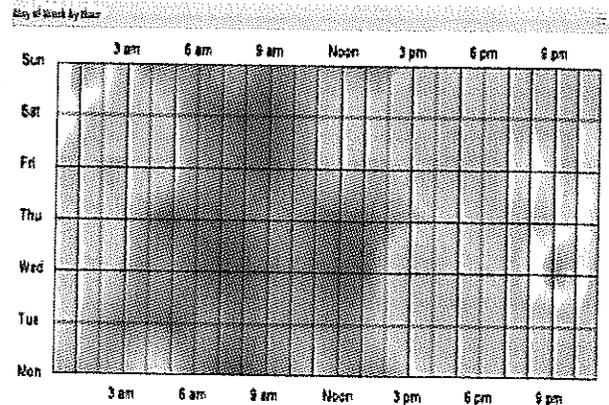
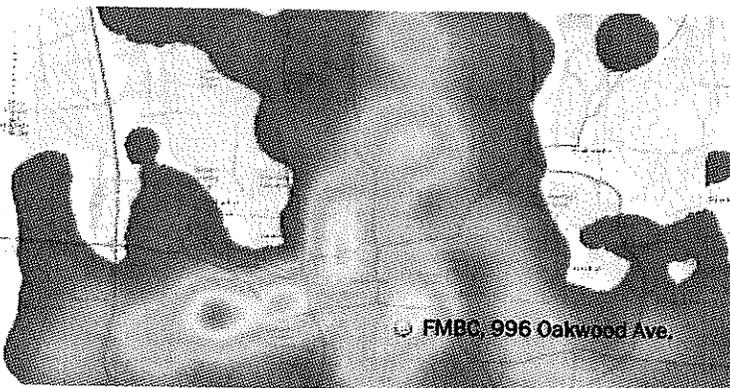
### M4M joins OSU law school class in Conflict Mediation Training

Thanks to the interest and support of Professor Emeritus Nancy Rogers, Ministries4Movement was afforded a great opportunity to sharpen our skills, network with other mediators, and share our real world experiences with OSU law and psychiatric nursing students. Brother Cecil, Brother Bennie, Brother Dartangnan, and Dr. Deanna Wilkinson completed an intensive workshop on professional conflict mediation. OSU's Moritz School of Law is internationally recognized as a leader in alternative dispute mediation. The three-day workshop was run by law Professors Joseph Stulberg and Erin Archerd. We learned that in many situations mediation is a better alternative than law suits and criminal court proceedings. We look forward to continue collaborating with these great teachers and scholars!



### Cooling a Crime Hot Spot

Available police data from the Columbus Division of Police shows that violent crime is down in our area. In fact, there is only one location that would be considered a hot spot—an area known by many as the “living room.” We continue to work to change the conditions and quality of life through a collaborative holistic approach that focuses on instill positive development for a brighter future. Pictured below is a hot spot analysis of violent crime in Columbus for the 10/2013-8/2014 timeframe. The chart of the right shows “hot and cold” time of day and days of the week. We monitor violent crime data regularly and continue to work with those at risk for violence to calm situations and improve lives for youth and families. Our efforts are succeeding.



Event	Date	Info	Contact
Parenting Classes	each Tuesday and Thursday, 11:00am -12:30pm	Meal provided	Pastor LaMarr
1ST SUNDAY HEALING MARCH & WORKSHOPS (Focus on community building activities)	March 1, 2015 3PM-4:30PM (PROMPTLY AT 3)	FAMILY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, 966 OAKWOOD	Cecil Ahad (614) 253-8865
Homework Help after school	Each Wednesday 5:30-7:30pm	FMBC, 966 OAKWOOD	Tiffany Johnson or Renita Adams (614) 252-7488
1ST SUNDAY HEALING MARCH & WORKSHOPS	April 5, 2015 3PM-4:30PM (PROMPTLY AT 3)	FMBC, 966 OAKWOOD	Cecil Ahad (614) 253-8865
1ST SUNDAY HEALING MARCH & WORKSHOPS	May 3, 2014 3PM-4:30PM (PROMPTLY AT 3)	FMBC, 966 OAKWOOD	Pastor Fred LaMarr (614) 252-7488
Parent Sign up and Registration for 2015 Summer Boot Camp	TBA	FMBC, 966 OAKWOOD	Renita Adams (614) 252-7488

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Men For the Movement on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/Men4Movement>



Community Safety Institute Knowledge Center:  
<http://csiknowledgecenter.osu.edu/>

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