

## QUARTERLY RESULTS REPORT

To: Pittsburgh Controller's Office  
cc: Pittsburgh City Council and Mayor's Office  
From: Department of Public Safety  
Office of Community Services and Violence Prevention  
Date: May 10, 2023  
Re: Stop the Violence Community Investment Grants  
Reporting period – February 10 through May 10, 2023

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This is the quarterly report required by the Agreement between the City of Pittsburgh and POISE Foundation dated June 8, 2022, pursuant to which POISE became the administrator for the City's Stop the Violence Community Investment Grants program (the "Agreement"). The Scope of Services of the Agreement states the following:

### **Required 90 Day Reporting**

***POISE staff will work with the Department of Public Safety to provide a summary of the results of the various projects during each funding round.***

On August 9, 2022, POISE received \$975,025 in funds for awarding to 35 subcontractors (referred to publicly as grantees) pursuant to the Agreement. One of the subcontractors, Western Pennsylvania Youth Sports Association, was the fiscal sponsor for 10 sports programs. Each of the sports programs could receive funds for authorized activities using a disbursement process requiring pre-approval of expenditures.

The first funds were disbursed to subcontractors around October 31, 2022. Prior to receiving funds, each subcontractor was required to submit a goal sheet indicating their goals for the amount of funds awarded. Funds were disbursed at different times depending on when the required paperwork, including a completed goal sheet, was returned to POISE.

The official time period covered by this report is February 10 through May 10, 2023.

### **Summary of Results**

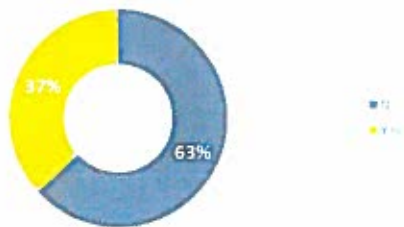
The period from February 10 through May 10, 2023 saw significant activity by the subcontractors. A complete report of activities is below. However, the results can be summarized as:

- Hundreds of positive, constructive activities directly touching the lives of thousands of youth and adults in high-risk neighborhoods throughout the City
- Organizations incorporating violence prevention and conflict resolution into their existing activities.

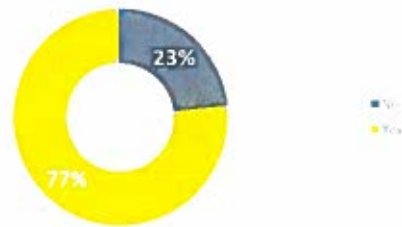
- 45 separate organizations are starting to see themselves as components of the City's violence prevention team, as evidenced by the use of the City's Choose Peace-Stop Violence and Violence Prevention Partners logos.
- A Facebook group called "Violence Prevention Partners" was created by a subcontractor for sharing events and photos.
- Collaboration among the separate organizations continues to increase.
- Increasing utilization of Department of Public Safety sponsored training activities relating to physical and mental health.
- Many neighborhood facilities which had not previously been regular hosts for community meetings and events have been utilized for such purposes.
- Increasing utilization of the Reach street outreach team for engagement with individuals and situations that could result in violence.

- Did your organization participate in any training events organized by the City?

Participation in City Training Events



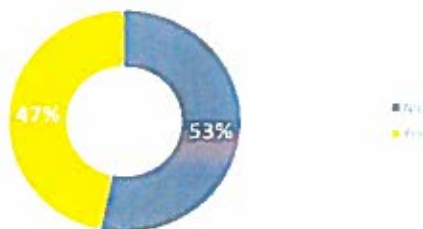
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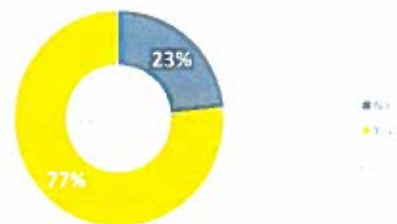
- Did your organization intentionally engage in any interaction with elected officials?

- Did your organization intentionally engage with any officers from the Pittsburgh Police?

Scheduled Interactions with Pittsburgh Police

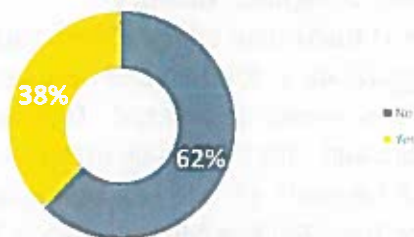


Public Safety Council Participation



- Did your organization attend a meeting of your Zone's Public Safety Council?

Safer Together Participation



Did your organization engage in a conversation with your Zone's SaferTogether Coordinator?

### Activity Report

Here is a list of some of the events by subcontractors during this reporting period. It is not a comprehensive list.

#### **February 2023**

2/9 to 3/30: Bible Center Church (Zone 5) Parenting While Black, a program providing tools and support for raising black teens.

2/17: Due date for first report of subcontractor results. Results were from the date funds were received through January 31, 2023.

2/25: Aaron Donald 99 Foundation (City-wide) Living In The Pocket Coaches Clinic

2/28: February *Stop the Violence Newsletter* distributed to mailing list exceeding 10,000 email addresses. This issue included Part 1 of the list of Stop the Violence subcontractors and information on many events by subcontractors.

#### **March 2023**

3/2: Westinghouse Youth Wrestling (Zone 5) wrestling match vs Northside Invaders

3/2 to 5/11: Melanin Mommies (Zone 5) Heal Together Mental Health Circle, a therapy circle for black women and mothers who have lost a loved one or been impacted by gun violence.

3/4 to 5/13: Melanin Mommies (Zone 5) Heal Together Mental Health Circle for Teens for teenagers ages 15-19 who have lost a loved one or been impacted by gun violence.

3/6 to 3/10: CPR Training for subcontractors at the City-County Building (4 sessions)

3/8: Kingsley Association (Zone 5) organized youth activities begin

3/9: South Pittsburgh Coalition for Peace (Zone 3) Community Prayer Vigil

3/9 to 5/11: Brashear Association (Zone 3) Parent Leadership Empowerment Advocacy Program designed to help parents and caregivers develop the skills needed to effectively advocate for themselves, their children and their community.

3/9: List of subcontractor projects and goals posted on Office of Community Services and Violence Prevention website.

3/11: Brothers & Sisters Emerging (Zone 5) Garfield Youth Sports 2022 Season Awards Banquet

3/13: PROMISE (Zone 2) Pgh 3V3 Stop the Violence Prevention and Intervention Basketball League.

3/22: Kingsley Association (Zone 5) Community Peace Summit with Black Political Empowerment Project and Coalition Against Violence  
3/25: Basketball Dreamz (Zone 1) Basketball Charity Event raising awareness for gin violence.  
3/18: WPYAA-Hill District Rebels (Zone 2) football and cheerleading banquet  
3/28: March *Stop the Violence Newsletter* distributed. This issue included Part 2 of the list of Stop the Violence subcontractors and information on many events by subcontractors.  
3/31: Mayor's press conference for youth serving subcontractors at Ammon Recreation Center. A highlight was hearing children from Abiding Missions (Zone 3) share their stories. You can see a story on the press conference in the April Stop the Violence Newsletter or see the entire press conference by clicking [HERE](#).

#### **April 2023**

4/11: Project Destiny/Destiny of Faith Church (Zone 1) Firearm safety and gun safe giveaway.  
4/12: Collaborative Meet & Greet for subcontractors organized and hosted by Center That Cares' Reach street outreach team.  
4/20: Save A Life Today (Zone 6) opened The Parent Place in Crafton Heights  
4/21: Due date for second first report of subcontractor results. Results were from February 1 through March 31, 2023.  
4/22: Iota Phi Fraternity (Zone 2) Youth Leadership Summit  
4/28: April *Stop the Violence Newsletter* distributed. This issue included Part 3 of the list of Stop the Violence subcontractors and information on many past and future events by subcontractors.

#### **May 2023**

5/6: A's Vision (Zone 3) 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Softball Game and Cookout.  
5/11: Bible Center Church (Zone 5) "Through My Lens: What it's like to be a child in my neighborhood" event.

Attached are flyers from some of the events organized by subcontractors.

### **2022 Subcontractor Progress and Impact**

Here is each subcontractor's police zone, subcontract amount, an overview of the funded project's goals and the progress reports and impact statements received since the last Quarterly Report. The date of the progress reports and impact statements precede each organization's statements.

#### **1 Hood Media Academy - City-wide - \$25,000**

Organize and implement a violence prevention campaign beginning in 2023 with a cohort of 10 to 15 youth, ages 16 to 24. They will create a training curriculum for developing and implementing a youth-led violence prevention campaign and launch the violence prevention campaign. Participants will be recruited from U-Prep, Obama, Westinghouse, Brashear, Allderdice, Sci-Tech and Perry High Schools. The total number of individuals impacted by the

media effort includes the participating individuals and up to 5,000 viewers of the media produced. Coordinated by **Jasiri X**.

Progress 1/31: We've recruited 10-15 youth from around Pittsburgh and have been meeting regularly since last December. We start to work on media soon. We took a number of youth to the August Wilson Center to see the Mama's Boys exhibit. The young people truly enjoyed it.

Impact 1/31: We've been working citywide and have a number of youth working towards violence alternatives.

**1 Nation Mentoring** - Zones 3 & 6 - \$25,000

1-Contract with a trauma therapist to begin overcoming trauma sessions for 15 students at Brashear High School; 2-Increase mentor opportunities for participation; 3-Increase the number of participants in our programs by 20%; and 4-Increase the number of personal and academic goals the students set for themselves by 20%. Coordinated by **Kevin McNair**.

Progress 1/31: We have made tremendous strides since the beginning of the school year. We have accomplished 6 of the 8 goals we created. Our Service Fair was postponed due to a last minute technicality with submitting improper paperwork. We have resubmitted.

Progress 3/31: We are in progress and still on track of completing goal 1. We have completed and exceeded goal 2. We have completed and exceeded goal 3. We are in the process of completing goal 4. All goals will be completed by the end of the school year.

Impact 1/31: We have mediated a majority of instances with no second altercation. We provide progressive conflict resolution that generally resolve the issue so it doesn't trickle into the community. We also train peer mediators.

Impact 3/31: As trusted school mentors, we're made aware of issues that may be brewing both in school and the community. This allows us to get to the root of the issues and more often than not, mediate the involved parties before it escalates to violence.

**5A Elite Youth Empowerment** - Zone 6 - \$16,775

10-15 youth participants completing assessments and utilization workshops, learning to leverage their results in a team environment. 100% of assessments will be completed in early 2023, while workshops will be ongoing over the duration of the program. 10-15 youth participants will complete 12 human centered design and holistic wellness training sessions by May 2023. Produce (A) pilot program design outline, as well as a launch and sustainability plan and (B) public facing document highlighting facts, findings, barriers and recommendations discovered by the students. Coordinated by **Nathaniel Brown**.

Progress 1/31: We have not started our community workshops as of yet. We still have staff going through trainings which actually got off to a later start than we first anticipated. We will begin workshops once we have staff complete trainings in March.

Progress 3/31: We have continued to build engagement and awareness with community stakeholders; working towards a more collaborative approach to the project. We have also completed the first level design training and have started recruiting youth participants.

Impact 1/31: We anticipate creating violence prevention pathways through leadership and social entrepreneurship opportunities. We plan to focus on those young people who are "on the fringes" and hoping to receive court referred youth.

Impact 3/31: We have managed to begin bringing together various stakeholders from the community, many of whom have not worked together in the past but feel compelled to collaborate on this social impact lab vision.

### **25 Carrick Avenue Project** - Zone 3 - \$30,000

Launch regular afterschool programming targeted at youth 15-20 that will include DJ workshops, Sports Video Production team, and event production program, meeting regularly at 25 Carrick Ave and the Phillips Park Recreation Center. These sessions will total to 48 and engage a broad range of students. Host a series of community events that are planned by the youth that incorporates performances, video game tournaments, cooking classes and community events at the end of the school year and through the summer. In preparation for this event, we will hire 8-10 local youth to curate, market, and produce the events leading up to and including the year-end celebration. Coordinated by **Jordan Gilliam** and **Peter Spynda** (Executive Director).

Progress 1/31: We are currently recruiting for our Sports Reels Program, Audio Basics Programming, in person masterclasses, and other programs with the hope that additional specific youth focused programs will begin in March 2023.

Progress 3/31: We have been working with City Parks and the Phillips Park Recreation Center to host Spring Fling event that mixed sports and music. The goal is to continue these types of engagement while we retrofit our space to launch OST programs and summer camps.

Impact 1/31: Just getting started on this program. We don't know that we will impact the direct violence, but offer a safe haven for those that are impacted and affected by it.

Impact 3/31: It's hard to tell. Our goal is to create a space where youth feel safe and welcome. But it's been a struggle to launch anything with limited resources. We just secured additional funding and plan to launch more programs immediately.

### **Aaron Donald 99 Solutions Foundation** - City-wide - \$15,000

Develop an individualized action plan for each student (ages 13-18) in their existing cohort and their caregiver, then regularly monitor students' grades, school attendance, and infractions; offer weekly virtual one-on-one tutoring, establish a rapport with school counselors and maintain contact (check-in minimum 4X a school year for each student); assist students with

the college recruiting process; and when applicable, implement staff-led workshops (i.e., time management, organization); provide each student with a minimum of 6 career exploration opportunities. Maintain direct contact with student caregivers a minimum of 2X a month; offer a minimum of 15 hours of skills development to students and families; engage students and immediate families in “family fun activities” (board games, competitions, trivia); and host 2 “parent-only” opportunities. Coordinated by **Akita Donald**.

Progress 1/31: Prep Forward staff is on course and actively working towards the purposed goals. No unintended hurdles or barriers to programming or services have risen. The organization has connected with other Stop the Violence grantees and students will likely be benefited from the new alliances.

Progress 3/31: Since the awarding of the grant, much progress has been made. The initial funding was to support the Prep Forward program. The partnership with the City blossomed and the City has supported AD99 Solutions Community Engagement program as well.

Impact 1/31: For the 2022-2023 school year, the 18 students – 14 male and four female students, represent 13 different high schools and 14 neighborhoods throughout Allegheny County. Students' extracurricular activities remain a protective factor.

Impact 3/31: On May 6, AD99 Solutions is hosting its Mental Flex Forum, an in person and live-streaming education seminar on mental wellness. Prep Forward students will be co-facilitating the breakout sessions. Students are in strong leadership roles.

#### **Abiding Missions - Zone 3 - \$8,000**

Train youth peacemakers by hosting a 12-week series of speakers at their facility in Allentown. These speakers will explore peacemaking and the work that is happening in their communities. By end of the series, youth will be able to identify at least 5 community leaders they can turn to for advice and leadership in times of need. Provide a location for youth to gather that is free from violence and promotes peace. Increase participation in our weekly Adult Fellowship Breakfast by 100% by June 2023. Provide training in de-escalation and interpersonal skills to at least 10 adults from the Allentown community. Coordinated by **Jordan Shoenberger**.

Progress 1/31: Our afterschool speaker series will begin in March 2023, with a new partner, SLB Radio. Our Adult Fellowship Breakfast continues to be a space for personal reflection and connections. Our biggest milestone has been a new partnership with SLB Radio, who will assist in the facilitation of our speaker series. With their help, we will be able to better prepare our kids for their conversations with the community helpers, and they will record these conversations so that they may become lasting artifacts for us to share with the community and schools.

Progress 3/31: Our adult program is ongoing, and we continue to meet with adults in our neighborhood on Wednesday mornings. Our youth interview series has begun as of 4/17/2023 and will continue through the beginning of June with the help of SLB Radio.

Impact 1/31: We continue to be identified as a safe space by the parents in our community. Just this last week, our community has seen the killing of two teenagers who attended Carrick High School, so there is still work to be done.

Impact 3/31: We continue to connect with the youth in our community. Our youth continue to find connections, and we have found ways to add four youth from our waiting list to our program, one of which is an identified bully, whom we hope to pour into.

#### **A's Vision** - Zone 3 - \$10,000

Prepare at least 5 young males in the city of Pittsburgh (ages 16-22), primarily from south side neighborhoods to become self-sufficient, responsible and career ready individuals by helping them get their driver's license. Once the first five complete the program, they will continue with more students until funds are depleted. Holding up to two financial literacy classes in which at least 10 youth will be taught a banking 101 course and upon completion will be paid a stipend to open their savings account on the spot. Also engage zone 3 Pittsburgh Police to discuss police and citizen interaction during traffic stops with the new drivers. Coordinated by **Aaron Wade**.

Progress 1/31: The program is moving along as planned. To this day we have 2 young men who have received their driver's license. We have also completed are first Financial Fundamentals course, 5 young men were paid a stipend and opened a new savings account.

Impact 1/31: A's Vision has an impact on Violence because we are keeping are students off the street and giving them something positive to do while also giving them knowledge and tools that will help them to succeed. We try to target ask risk teens.

#### **Basketball Dreamz** - Zone 1 - \$15,000

Provide sports related out-of-school time youth mentoring and academic support with lifeskills, including workshops and training on cultural diversity and inclusion, psychotherapy, trauma, restorative passages, the impact of crime and violence on families, communities, youth development, etc., personal development (self-esteem, self-control, self-worth, and self-respect). Coordinated by **Mike Dixon**.

Results reports will be forthcoming. Due to some internal issues, Basketball Dreamz received their funds much later than the other subcontractors.

#### **Bible Center Church** - Zone 5 - \$45,000

Add mental health counseling and an evidence-based violence prevention curriculum to positively influence students' attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors around the inappropriateness of violence as a strategy to resolve conflict to existing programming in Homewood. They will reach students in Lincoln and Faison Elementary Schools and students in their summer programs. Coordinated by **Cynthia Wallace**.



Progress 1/31: November through January- 8-week cohort of Parenting While Black for 6 parents. Photovoice project team held 3 meetings and 1-training. Art therapist hired. "Too Good for Violence" was introduced as part of Social Emotional Learning for 150 enrolled students.

Progress 3/31: During November through March, we completed two, 8-week cohorts of our "Parenting While Black" parent empowerment class for 20 parents. In addition, our Photovoice project team led 2 trainings, with 2 volunteers and held 16 lessons for 50 middle school students. An art therapist is also working with the Photovoice project. Finally, we have begun implementing the "Too Good for Violence" curriculum for 150 students.

Impact 1/31: Our activities take a two-generation approach. Parents shared how Parenting While Black has impacted how they will talk with their children about racism and violence. Students wrote about the impact the stories at the photovoice exhibit had on them. Parenting While Black (PWB) is a group intervention developed at the University of Pittsburgh's Center on Race and Social Problems. The intent is to support the parent/caregiver and child bond and equip the parent to be the sustainable resource for talking about the trauma caused by racism and violence. One parent shared, " The PWB program taught me that we as black people need to be aware of the racial bias which our children go through within the school system, that we as parents do not recognize. By attending all these sessions I have a lot more knowledge of what's out here in this racist world that we all must work on together. I am looking forward to passing what I have learned to my family and friends, in hopes of fighting racism on all levels."

In January, 16 students participating in the TMC Photovoice project visited the August Wilson Center to see "OPTICVOICES: Mama's Boys" exhibit. Emmai Alaquiva's photography storytelling inspired TMC students to see themselves as artists.

Impact 3/31: Our activities take a two-generation approach. Parents shared how Parenting While Black has impacted how they will talk with their children about racism and violence. Students learned to express emotions about violence through photos and writing.

### **Brothers & Sisters Emerging - Zone 5 - \$15,000**

Training about 15 neighborhood youth aged 7 to 14 to develop and maintain healthy and positive relationships utilizing a Coaching Boys to Men curriculum. 10 sessions will happen by March 2023. Also working to increase program participants in basic BASE programs and adding program components including African American history, understanding the impact of rap music and making good choices. Brothers & Sisters Emerging also operates the Garfield Gators youth sports program. Coordinated by **Bob Jones**.

Progress 1/31: Brothers and Sisters Emerging is conducting the Gateway Male Mentoring Program with fifteen east end Black males ages seven through fourteen with the Coaching Boys to Men curriculum to help youth build responsible, respectful and non-violent relationships

Progress 3/31: B.A.S.E. continues to conduct the Gatorway Male Mentoring Program with fifteen Black males ages seven through fourteen with the Coaching Boys to Men curriculum which builds youth into responsible, respectful and non-violent relationships.

Impact 1/31: The values that B.A.S.E. teaches and instills in the youth include pride, responsibility, accountability, self-respect and respect for authority and peers. B.A.S.E. did a mailing outreach to over 300 community households and got four new youth.

Impact 3/31: B.A.S.E. took twelve young men ages 7 thru 13 to Washington, D.C. via a chartered bus.

#### **Center of Life** - Zone 4 - \$15,000

Adding additional training for staff and participants in violence prevention, de-escalation and conflict resolution which will affect youth and families in Hazelwood, including materials and mentoring. Integrate the elements of trauma-informed care, social-emotional learning skills, and methods for violence prevention directly into daily operations of all of their programs. Implement high-risk intervention plans that will help to identify and support students who exhibit potentially harmful or dangerous behaviors, while engaging with their family, school, and community networks to develop a plan of action and provide recourses and referrals if needed. Coordinated by **Patrick Ohrman**.

Progress 1/31: Over the course of the first 60 days, COL's Management Team and Education Programs Manager have begun to research and adopt violence-prevention, trauma-informed, and SEL-infused practices into daily curricula across each of COL's programs.

Progress 3/31: While COL has been infusing all of our programs with violence-prevention lessons, we have begun two new projects: a security assessment survey with The Holocaust Center and plans to introduce a job-skills, violence-prevention training with youth.

Impact 1/31: COL's programs deter violence by providing our constituents with the lessons, opportunities, skills, and resources to elevate their opportunities to find greater success in their futures. Our programs nurture students' passions and holistic growth.

Impact 3/31: Helping those we serve understand the effect that violence can have on a community is vital. But it's important to teach those we serve not only how to prevent violence but what to do in instances of violence. Our current plans are for the latter.

#### **Community Empowerment Association** - Zone 5- \$40,000

Assist identified youth at Westinghouse Academy to decrease the tendency for inappropriate behaviors. Conduct educational workshops related to understanding and overcoming risk factors and developing appropriate coping, problem solving and de-escalation skills, and developing a purpose, self-care and skill building for positive social interaction. Engage parents of identified youth through workshops and educational forums in ways to increase protective

factors and decrease risk factors related to the causes of violence. Coordinated by **Rashad Byrdsong**.

Progress 1/31: CEA Executive Team has been meeting with Representatives from Westinghouse High School to design an intervention strategy and has begun to identify youth that would benefit from the intervention.

Progress 3/31: CEA staff has been conducting weekly groups at Westinghouse Academy, in both the High School and Middle School Side. Currently 27 youth from the high school Side and 5 from the middle school side have been referred.

Impact 1/31: At this early point, the impact that we would submit is that we have been meeting with identified students that have been traumatized by the violence that has been occurring at the school and we will continue to do so.

Impact 3/31: Currently there are no mental health services offered at Westinghouse Academy. Impulse modification and alternatives to violence has been topics in group. CEA's service offerings at the school have been very well received.

#### **East End Cooperative Ministry - Zone 5 - \$15,000**

Introduce and practice character building skill, teaching competency and conduct skills, and promote education and holistic health to at risk middle and high school students in the East End of Pittsburgh through in-school and after school programs. Program components include drug avoidance, healthy relationships, anger management, social interaction, conflict resolution, communication and promoting respect for self and others. Coordinated by **Michael Bartley** and **Reverend Darnell Leonard** (Executive Director).

Progress 1/31: EECM served over 700 PPS students in four core in-school programs: Get Real About Violence, Steps to Respect, Too Good for Drugs, and Growing Up Black and Proud. It also provided five after school programs with increased attendance.

Progress 3/31: We are currently serving 1,158 students in Fulton, Linden, Manchester, South Hills, Obama, UPrep, and Westinghouse schools. We are serving 101 students through our four after school programs. We are tallying the pre- and post-test results of the Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs prevention curriculum.

Impact 1/31: We connected young people to in-school and out-of-school resources that help them feel good about themselves and their futures. We have made progress with young people deemed "Problem children" to better understand their negative reactions to things.

Impact 3/31: Recently, we conducted meetings with school principals and administrators to discuss lessons for the month in relation to growing concerns over youth gun violence. To support students and staff, we are integrating danger awareness and safety skills.

Several young people benefited from the programming STOP the Violence has supported. This includes a male eighth grader who was labeled the school's "problem child." This student often threatened teachers and was given detention. At the request of the principal and teachers, our team placed him in a designated group session. After a few sessions, we determined that he was lashing out due to his father's untimely and violent murder. We were able to set him up with grief counseling sessions and enrolled him in one of our evening recreation programs.

Another young man in sixth grade had very low self-esteem due to psoriasis and low-income. He felt so low about himself that he could not name a single thing he liked. Staff scheduled him an appointment with a dermatologist and purchased him new clothing and a haircut. This, as well as our classes on self-image, had a great impact on him, as he soon was able to name 15 things he liked about himself.

#### **Homewood Children's Village - Zone 5 - \$55,000**

Continuing existing programming for 50 Westinghouse high school students and assisting with the creation of a middle school out-of-school time program for 50 students in grades 6-8 who attend Westinghouse Academy. Staff training includes mental health first-aid and conflict de-escalation. A postsecondary plan will be developed with and for each participant. 75% of participants will set and complete a goal on their postsecondary plan. Participants will establish and develop positive adult-youth relationships. Coordinated by JaLissa Coffee.

Progress 1/31: Bulldog Academy successfully kicked off at the beginning of January! Middle School students have been attending programming four days a week, and enrollment continues to climb daily. Academic support/tutoring has also started.

Progress 3/31: We've engaged (43) 6-8 grade students (JAN 23-MAR 30) at Bulldog Academy. Teachers provide academic support (homework guidance, supplemental and subject-focused enrichment activities). Then, students participate in various enrichment activities.

Impact 1/31: Our program aims to give students a safe space to convene while also encouraging students to learn, have fun, and engage in extracurricular activities. Providing transportation to students after the conclusion of programming is also a benefit.

During the VEX robotics session, one of the female students initially responded to the task by stating that "it's too hard." However, after a conversation about failing forward, she was the only one to complete the challenge after continuous iterations of coding, trial and error, recoding, and success.

Dr. Tyler, a teacher at the school, leads enrichment activities involving science for the afterschool program. This program has a concentration in biology, and students even had the opportunity to dissect a large pig heart and identify its anatomy.

There was a male student that was low energy and was not going to participate in the art activity. Yet, as the intention was self-expression of their current mood or self-identity, his energy rose, and his mood brightened as he engaged.

Impact 3/31: Students engage in intellectual, social, and cultural development. They are safe and secure, removed from peers who do not intend to avoid mischief outside a supervised space or when violence occurs outside the school building.

#### **Infinite Lifestyle Solutions - Zone 1- \$15,000**

Train 10 safety ambassadors from Northside middle schools and 5 volunteer safety ambassadors from the community who will use restorative conflict resolution skills learned to mediate or diffuse conflicts or acts of violence. The safety ambassadors are based on the Cure Violence interrupter model. Coordinated by **Cecilia Ware**.

Progress 1/31: As of January 31st, Students from Pittsburgh Morrow School have completed the first 6 week round of training to become safety ambassadors. Attached is a promotional flyer.

Progress 3/31: Program participants are in their second round of safety ambassador training.

Impact 1/31: Students from Pittsburgh Morrow School are now ready to complete the second part of the training and get hands on experience outside the school. The adult volunteers will begin to have training.

Impact 3/31: There has been a reduction in fights inside and outside the John Morrow School since we have implemented the program. Students are respectfully listening when being redirected and not fighting.

#### **Iota Phi Foundation - Zone 1- \$15,000**

Link 40 local high school students with mentors, expose them to potential majors at Historically Black Colleges and Universities and engage in at least 5 organized group activities plus service learning and field trips. This African American fraternity has a facility in Manchester. Coordinated by **Dr. Rahmon Hart**.

Progress: 1/31: We have made significant progress toward several of our goals. The young people are actively engaging in our programs.

Progress 3/31: The Iota Phi Foundation met several times with the Mayor's Office and included them in a Town Hall Meeting/Public Forum. The partnership included developing a session that focused on combatting violence in the community. Mayor Gainey and Chief of Staff Wheatley participated in a Fireside Chat and Dr. Hart moderated a panel discussion with 4 recipients of the City's Grant to address violence. We are continuing to provide opportunities for youth to build relationships with other youth across the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County. Most recently we coordinated a Youth Leadership Conference with 40 students. We will be having a summer program that focuses on cross-cultural bridge building among African American and

Latino youth in Pittsburgh. City Representatives are welcomed to participate in any of the sessions.

Impact 1/31: Our students have been empowered through love and education to have a respect for themselves and their community. They understand that they have the power to impact positive change. We have connected with 78 African American youth and linked each of them with college educated mentors. We are also meeting every week with these young people. Attached is a promotional flyer.

Impact 3/31: The Youth in our programs are building strong relationships with each other and they are being empowered to be coalition builder ambassadors and leaders in their community. We remain in constant communication with the parents and youth in our programs. It has been extremely rewarding to see the parents and students connecting outside of our program and developing strong bonds. Friends is something that we believe is essential to curtailing violence in our community

**Melanin Mommies - Zone 5 - \$10,000**

Provide accessible, trauma-informed grief counseling to a cohort of 25 families from the East Hills neighborhood that have grief associated with gun violence and link them to local trauma support and behavioral health systems. Coordinated by **Latrice Rose**.

Progress 1/31: The Mothers Mental Health Cohort was renamed as H.E.A.L Together, Mental Health Circle. The 10-week group therapy program is set to begin Thursday's evenings and Saturday mornings in March serving teens girls, women and mothers impacted by gun violence. This year the H.E.A.L Together program will be in 3 communities serving East Hills, The Mon Valley and Sto Rox School District with our Adult and Ten programming. Our partnership with Community Mental Health Collective has allowed us to provide licensed quality service providers, and curriculum. Members of the East Hills Consensus Group and the Residents Council has expressed the community's need for such a program as H.E.A.L. Together and they are very eager for us to serve the community.

Progress 3/31: We are approaching week 10 in our program that started March 4th due to a delay in funds being deposited. 15 participants have completed the SELF sanctuary model healing plan as well as scheduled Mental Health Assessments with Self Care plan.

Impact 1/31: H.E.A.L. Together provides participants who have suffered a loss or been affected by gun violence with grief and trauma support. Participants experiencing anxiety, PTSD, Depression, have reported 40% reduction through pre and post evaluations.

Impact 3/31: As a violence intervention program, we use culturally competent intervention methods to address trauma and grief associated with loss due to gun violence.

**Northside Partnership Project – Zone 1 - \$15,000**

Launch an anti-violence campaign and communications strategy in the 18 neighborhoods on the Northside. The primary theme is "See Something-Say Something". The strategy will include signs, events, community meetings, information sharing and expert workshops. Coordinated by English Burton and Reverend Eleanor Williams.

Progress 1/31: T-Shirts and yard signs are being distributed, more t-shirts and yard signs with the required violent prevention logos are being made for distribution. Several monthly community council meetings have been attended to introduce the program.

Progress 3/31: Meeting with Northside community organizations on a daily basis (according to the community's meeting dates) to give information and yard signs on our stop the violence program.

Impact 1/31: People are made aware, and the network of communications are being established throughout 18 neighborhoods, Northside. Community solution meetings will be held monthly at NPP after all 18 neighborhoods council meetings have been attended by NPP Team. After presenting the SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING t-shirts and yard signs at different venues, people began to ask where they can get them, and they began to talk about the importance of protecting their neighborhoods.

Impact 3/31: Neighborhood groups have responded positively to our presentations and are wanting t-shirts, wanting to volunteer and support our initiative by talking to neighbors and encouraging them to put signs in their yards and participate in our program.

**Ozanam, Inc. - Zone 2 - \$25,000**

Expanding their existing athletic programming (focused on basketball), specifically by focusing on broadening participation for high-risk young men (age 19 and under), and developing an infrastructure for prevention and conflict resolution, engaging 100 youth in 10-week league. Also adding trauma informed training throughout the organization which will connect with 300 youth. Finally, conducting a Teen Violence Forum as part of their annual Youth Leadership Conference as a vehicle to actively engage youth as problem solvers and change agents that can influence solutions. Coordinated by Darrelle Porter.

Progress 1/31: Ozanam is working to build relationships between 75 youth from 5 different neighborhoods and grassroots programs through building communication bridges, spearheading joint activities, and a basketball skills camp.

Progress 3/31: Working with our partners and grassroots leaders, Ozanam has developed and implemented a number of programs in conjunction with basketball sessions to build skills and opportunities, including a workshop with University of Pittsburgh basketball players focused on career path development, CPR workshop with information on health careers, and a Learn & Earn application session.

Impact 1/31: Through building relationships between youth and mentors from different neighborhoods, Ozanam has been able to effectively foster positive working relationships that have reduced conflict. Involvement with Police has built positive images with youth. Ozanam has worked diligently to promote violence prevention in our neighborhood while also developing vehicles for violence prevention partners to work together for our youth. Ozanam developed a Violence Prevention Partners/Stop the Violence Facebook page to enable partners to share program highlights, information, resources, and communication.

In addition, Ozanam coordinated joint activities between mentors and grassroots programs from different neighborhoods to attend a University of Pittsburgh Basketball Game in conjunction with Pittsburgh Police. Additionally, our basketball skills camp has involved 5 different neighborhoods and mentors and is building a foundation for additional collective activities to reduce violence and achieve our service goals as outlined in the proposal including Spring and Summer leagues.

Impact 3/31: Ozanam is connecting youth to opportunities that will strengthen their ability to secure careers. Creating a bridge to information through sports involvement, Ozanam is fostering career paths for youth that decrease their involvement in violence.

**POORLAW** - Zone 4 - \$15,000

Expanding the operations of its Data Hub, which collects information on returning citizens. Also identifying households to participate in a community block watch and safe house program. And continuing their efforts to hire returning citizens for an urban agriculture workforce development program. Youth development and mentoring would be funded separately through WYPAA for the Hazelwood Cobras. Coordinated by **Sandra Cole**.

Progress 1/31: We have identified 7 families who are willing to list their houses as safe places. We have negotiated with Pittsburgh housing authority and ARCO to utilize the Glen Hazel Recreation Center as a safe place and to establish ongoing programs.

Impact 1/31: Weve managed to crossover geographical, racial, gender and age boundaries that have separated our residents in the past. We have established a group of 20 households to begin our block watch for safety program.

**Project Destiny** - Zone 1 - \$35,000

Hire a qualified, licensed social worker to conduct individual meetings with at-risk students and their families. Expand programming in to add 15 students, age 12-18, from the Northview Heights, Manchester and Perry neighborhoods with a weekly Youth Club which will include team building, community building and mentoring activities, meeting with the social worker and referrals to necessary programs and services (for youth and families). Coordinated by **Reverend Brenda Gregg** and **Dr. Daphne Curges**.

Progress 1/31: Five projected activities have either been planned or preformed. Two activities have already been completed and the rest are in progress with plans of engagement and follow



through. We have offered counseling to neighborhood members, hired a safety coordinator to speak with high school students and other members of the community, and provided gun safety lessons. All of this is to show our community the dangers of violence.

Impact 1/31: Through the use of this grant, we were able to hold four healing sessions between Nov 1st and December 31st. This was all inspired by the shooting incident at the Destiny of Faith church, and fears within the neighborhood. Congregant members of Destiny of Faith, employees of Project Destiny, Inc. and several members from community partners participated in these interventions, and we were able to share comfort and love to our neighbors who needed it.

**PROMISE** - Zone 1 - \$10,000

Host basketball games and competitions for youth, families and adults that also offer a variety of violence prevention workshops, health and physical fitness activities, healing circles, cultural diversity and inclusion workshops; psychotherapy, trauma, and restorative passages workshops/training sessions; and personal development Sessions (including self-esteem, self-control, self-worth, and self-respect). Coordinated by **Jakim Donaldson**.

Progress 1/31: We are finalizing all of our collaborations and agreements, including, Fiscal Conduit Agreement (Operation Better Block), registration process, finalizing consultant agreements, and purchasing supplies and equipment. We have been actively engaging with Operation Better Block, CEA, Youthplaces, New Vision, infinite solutions, AD99 solutions, Northside partnership project, among others about our programs. I also went into some of the most daunting schools such as Oliver to speak with officials and students on life skills and recreation programs. We plan to continue engaging in more schools such as Perry, Westinghouse, Carrick, Alderice and more to share our visions of prosperity. We are hoping to build more partnerships within the city schools to help relieve a lot of the trauma they experience and help provide hope in peace. We will upload more information and update our new flyer asap with all the city stop the violence logos on it.

Progress 3/31: Our 3v3 violence prevention and intervention basketball league was a great success. For 5 weeks from 4-7 Mondays and Wednesdays we were able to have competitive basketball games, along with our in-kind professionals who came to speak for 30 minutes. Attached is a promotional flyer.

Impact 1/31: Strong youth and families build safe, strong neighborhoods. We are empowering youth and adults with education, skills, and experience to try to avoid violence and crime, so they do not become victims or perpetrators.

Impact 3/31: Our program brought kids together from all over the city who may have never gotten a chance to meet or get to know each other better, while also equipping them with vital information on how to survive and succeed in a violence driven society.

**Save A Life Today - Zone 6 - \$40,000**

Complementing its existing work with families and children in the West End by preparing the site and launching a parent support center at Trinity AME Zion Church in Sheraden. The Center will provide positive events all year round to encourage 150 at-risk families to stay engaged in the community in a safe and positive manner. Coordinated by **Mary Williams**.

Progress 1/31: We did Christmas Outreach at PPG arena in December that serviced more than 300 families with toys as well food boxes. We have signed a lease at 1505 Stratmore Ave with a start date of March 24th which allow us to have a grand opening on April 3rd.

Progress 3/31: We have signed a year lease on an office space. We have signed up our 30 parents for the first classes that start on April 25th. We have created partnership with Dollar energy and LIHEAP to aid these families in need.

Impact 1/31: We believe that our impact of our community outreach event in December impacted all families involved with joy and happiness around the holiday, which is a high crime period.

Impact 3/31: Our impact is showing in making families as whole as possible. Helping to relieve the stressors that cause depression as well helping with the trauma from violence so it isn't repeated.

**Shadow Student Athletes - Zone 3 - \$20,000**

Conduct interpersonal conflict resolution classes with a conflict specialist for 10 to 12 students from the Hilltop neighborhoods. Also provide safe passage for students and community members during school dismissal twice a week. Coordinated by **Von Madden**.

Results reports will be forthcoming.

**South Pittsburgh Coalition for Peace - Zone 3 - \$30,000**

Fund one part-time staff member of the South Pittsburgh Peacemakers violence intervention team. Their team has been trained by the Pittsburgh Police and unofficially collaborates with the GVI team. Continue their series of Suicide Awareness workshops and provide at least two Compassion Fatigue self-care in-person workshops. Coordinated by **Reverend Eileen Smith**.

Progress 1/31: The Stop the Violence Grant supports the SPCP street outreach team as well as the operations of the organization. Having one grant end and being awarded the Stop the violence grant made it possible to maintain outreach services.

Progress 3/31: We have maintained the part time salary of one street outreach worker in order to complete the South Pittsburgh Peacemakers team. We also have been able to maintain administrative assistance and some operating needs as well as limited SPP gear.

Impact 1/31: The Stop the Violence Grant, supports the SPCP street outreach team as well as the operations of the organization. Having one grant end and being awarded the Stop the violence grant made it possible to maintain outreach services.

Impact 3/31: Having a full street violence prevention team has enabled us to cover more territory and reach more at-risk individuals who are more likely to commit violence, thus being able to prevent violence.

**The Brashear Association** - Zone 3 - \$25,000

Host two six-week parent/family leadership training cohorts focusing on recognizing warning signs, preventing violence, advocating for their children in order to access educational, social and economic supports, and developing a strong support network around their family.

Coordinated by **Andrea Matthews**.

Progress 1/31: Brashear held a parent engagement meeting in January to provide parents of children attending Arlington K-8 with the details about the program. The parents were provided information about the program's purpose, length, and commitment. Significant milestones include parent engagement through virtual meetings and one on one conversations with parents of children participating in the Youth Afterschool Programs, gaining their trust and increasing their interest in participating, further developing the outreach materials curriculum, researching and confirming speakers (Elite Medical Consultants), and establishing the training timeline. The training sessions will start March 9th and the training will run for 8 weeks (one break for Easter Thursday) and return the following week. The parents are more eager to participate because of the recent shooting in Carrick of the 15-year-old boy who some of our families knew well. This has been a very difficult time for the Hilltop and we are working with them Mon-Friday.

Impact 1/31: The impact of this program on violence in the neighborhood is not able to be measured at this time, however, the parents seem genuinely interested in participating and are excited that we are focused on helping them gain the tools and skills to help.

**The Kingsley Association** - Zone 5 - \$15,000

Work with local coaches, teams, community involved mentors to provide post-season training sessions and health and wellness supports for 75-100 youth, improve digital literacy, awareness of professional opportunities in tech, and engage in problem solving via technology, provide arts awareness experiences and host a cultural community event at the Kingsley Center in Larimer. Kingsley's partner organizations are Larimer Consensus Group, Habitat for Humanity, Phase 4, Reach (which is funded by the City), and Urban Strategies (which provides social services at the Cornerstone development). Coordinated by **Alex Payton** and **Dexter Hairston** (Executive Director).

Progress 1/31: Goal 1: Hosted a Prelim Boxing event; planning for Skills and Drills workshop for youth ages 8-18 in the Spring; Golden Gloves in April. Goal 2/Goal 3: In Process. Goal 4: Hosted 2 collaborative community network meetings, 2 Zone 5 Public Safety Council meetings. Thus

far, we have focused our efforts on building stronger relationships with current partners, as a means to solidify programming options for youth, families, and the community. Kingsley's main objective is to be a site of collaboration and support towards violence intervention and prevention. Our Teen L.E.A.D. program and our Family Center remain our primary violence prevention outlets, as we are able to interact with families via our health and community services, which is in line with the public health approach to violence prevention.

Progress 3/31: In the last 90 days we have increased community intervention output by leveraging our internal assets like the Teen Lead PCCD Program, Resource Navigators DHS, & our building to facilitate & host collaborative activities around our goals.

Impact 1/31: We've established community input over the last several months via local partners. Each partner contributes their own assets -- in addition to Kingsley's resources -- furthering our ability to provide capacity towards violence prevention efforts. The Prelim Boxing Event was one of the larger events attached to this current project, and we donated \$3,000 worth of facility space to accommodate the event and participants. Members of the REACH team were an integral part of the evening and spoke about the importance of having an outlet for physicality, that also incorporates discipline and training to reach a goal. This event was so successful that we are planning for a follow up event in April. Attached is a promotional flyer.

Impact 3/31: There has been an increase in program activity & increased resource awareness. Through collaboration & communication, we have found that we need to aim to expand our word-of-mouth outreach which has been most effective for increased participation.

#### **Trade Institute of Pittsburgh - City-wide - \$65,000**

Adding a community engagement coordinator to add lifeskills and mentoring components to their existing adult job training programming for all ages, coordinate outreach, partnerships and alumni relations and assure consistent support for the students while they are attending classes and after graduation from their 11-week course. Coordinated by **Kenya Alford** and **Donta Green** (Executive Director).

Progress 1/31: We hired a Community Engagement Coordinator in January. The CEC created a survey to determine the needs and interests of alumni, developed an engagement program calendar, and started alumni workshops/events.

Progress 3/31: Modify current student data system to track alumni progress in employment, wealth, health, and lodging. Develop engagement program calendar, ISPs and corresponding case management. Bi-weekly drug & alcohol, anger management, financial literacy classes.

Impact 1/31: We proposed that TIP will build community and reduce violence and recidivism. The measure of success will be a 20% increase in the number of individuals served and a decrease in recidivism from 9% to 4%. We are on track to meet these goals.

TIP staff recently de-escalated a potentially violent situation when a student reprimanded for violating TIP's attendance policy began to get confrontational. Staff diffused the situation and learned that he was in crisis because his sister had died. Instead of dismissal, staff created a resolution plan for students with unique situations/crises would be given a second chance utilizing individualized expectations based on program guidelines but customized to their situation when fitting. In addressing our students' barriers and making them self-sufficient, we realize that there needs to be a way to take it to another level of understanding while still standing strong on the values we have created for our challenged population.

Impact 3/31: We had a wonderful transformation with one of our students, Chris (referred by Reach team). He excelled in our program, restored his driver's license, and is now working in the construction trades. Our one-year recidivism rate is 0%.

#### **Voices Against Violence - Zone 3 - \$10,000**

Implement an emotional well-being program by Imagine Further Collective for all of the youth participating in their after-school program, including work on peaceful conflict resolution. Coordinated by **Richard Carrington**.

Progress 1/31: Through the Stop the Violence Grant Funding, Voices Against Violence has been able to implement an emotional well-being program as part of the free After School Program. All of the youth participate with The Imagine Further Collective.

Progress 3/31: We have met with Chief Magistrate Richard King and came to an agreement that he would recommend participants to the program directly – 4 individuals have already been referred. Held a community awareness gathering with over 60 family members in attendance and handed out gun locks. The first in a series of community dinners were held where Voices Against Violence introduced our Hood to Village initiative (from Hood to Neighborhood, Neighborhood to Community, Community to Village). This will be a monthly series for all Hill Top Hoods.

Impact 1/31: Our approach is longitudinal. VAV's Director of Programs & Operations, Dr. Maureen Anderson, noted the children were struggling to articulate, process, and regulate their emotions. The program implemented addresses such challenges, including anger.

Impact 3/31: Since the program is in the first phase, there are no measurable outcomes as of yet except, the community is aware of our existence and understands our purpose

#### **Western Pennsylvania Youth Athletic Association – City-wide - \$150,250**

WPYAA coordinates youth sports programming and is acting as an umbrella organization for funding individual teams. Each team has athletic needs including security, coaching, equipment, travel and supplies. Teams also attempt to support their participants, coaches and families with academic assistance, family strengthening activities, mental health care, and

lifeskills development. WPYAA is coordinated by **Tonya Payne-Scott**. These are the teams that will receive funds through the WPYAA:

- **Zone 1: Northside Steelers** – Coordinated by **Audie Chapman**.
- **Zone 2: Hill District Rebels** - Coordinated by **Tywone Bray**  
**Lawrenceville Seminoles** – Coordinated by **Jamaal Moore**
- **Zone 3: Southside Bears** - Coordinated by **Kevin Alton**.
- **Zone 4: Hazelwood Cobras** – Coordinated by **Saundra Cole**.
- **Zone 5: East End Raiders** – Based in East Liberty and coordinated by **Antoine Lester**.  
**Homewood Bulldawgs** - Coordinated by **Mubarik Ismaeli**.  
**Lincoln Rams** – Coordinated by **Jamaul Sapp**.  
**Pittsburgh Kings** - Based in Lincoln-Lemington and coordinated by **Sheldon Moorehead**.
- **Zone 6: Westside Mustangs** - Coordinated by **Martin Langford**.

Progress 1/31: Our member programs have been completing coaches trainings, having community banquets/activities, and attending and interacting more with their zone police to create plans for safer environments. Several teams have also created after school programs for participants.

Progress 3/31: 9 programs have held community banquets to celebrate the children in each of their programs. 5 programs have trained their coaches in CPR/First Aide/Trauma/Conflict Resolution. 6 programs have functioning after school programming with mentoring services.

Impact 1/31: Programs have been working with the communities to have functions that keep them safe. Working to get more community involvement with keeping zones safer. Providing outlets for activities for their children to keep them active in safe environments.

Impact 3/31: Children and families have been provided with safe events and programming. This has helped to keep more children out of the streets and interact in more productive activities Parents are more at ease knowing their children are positive environments.

**Westinghouse Youth Wrestling** - Zone 5 - \$15,000

Increase the number of mentors and youth ages 5 to 17 that are served by this athletic training, mentoring and lifeskills development program based in Homewood but serving youth from around the City. Topics include conflict resolution and behavior management, violence prevention and conflict resolution. Coordinated by **Justin Perkins**.

Progress 1/31: We have mandatory violence prevention and decision-making take homework for all mentees above the age of 12. Our follow up to these work sheets are understanding and example assignments. These exercises are mandatory to participate at WYW. We are currently in partnership with multiple city and public elementary schools for WYW parental support. We have authorization from parents and school faculty for these meeting to be documented by cleared WYW support staff and school faculty. We will begin the same process to engage with

our MS age mentees after these verification documents completed the due process for our elementary age mentees this school year.

Impact 1/31: We bring multiple families from areas from around the Pittsburgh area together in hopes of getting them familiar with each other to decrease the geographic friction when they get older to get ahead of geographical violence.

**YMCA-Homewood** - Zone 5 - \$45,000

Enable the Homewood YMCA to stay open additional hours for 40 weeks, enabling additional interaction with artists, mentors, coaches and law enforcement during those hours and completing short-term goals. Coordinated by **Nedra Perkins**.

Progress 1/31: The Homewood Brushton YMCA is in the process of interviewing potential candidates to serve as the Program Coordinator for our Level Up program. We, like so many other organizations, have faced challenges in finding and hiring qualified candidates.

Progress 3/31: The Homewood Y identified a potential candidate for the Program Coordinator for our Level Up program and planned to have her on board in April. Unfortunately, due to some personal issues she had to withdraw from the position.

Impact 1/31: The Y has established programming that provides a safe environment for youth while participating in structured activities. The activities keep youth engaged, safe, and socially active in a positive environment. The Y offers a safe place and has always been responsive in building a plan of action in the moment of need. However, after the shooting that occurred at Westinghouse High School on Feb. 14th, the need for a change became more apparent. The Homewood Y staff developed a plan of action that was needed to account for the grim reality that incidents like this would happen again and the Y needed to be prepared to act to support the youth and young adults it serves. The process developed is one the students are able to replicate at home, either alone or with friends or family. The process involves 4 steps:

Step 1: Conversation

Step 2: Ritual of Relaxing art creation

Step 3: building a monument of Acknowledging from the art ritual

Step 4: Communicate to the community that we see and acknowledge what has happened.

The complete story on the response to the February 14 events was printed in the March Stop the Violence Newsletter (available on the Public Safety Violence Prevention webpage).

Impact 3/31: The Y's established programming continues to provide a safe environment for youth while participating in structured activities. The activities keep youth engaged, safe, and socially active in a positive environment.

**Youth Enrichment Services** - City-wide - \$15,000

High school students will participate in meaningful work experiences in professional settings, engage in positive in-home and in-school behaviors that promote emotional stability, wellness, and low social risks, expand their mentor network, build awareness of social capital and increase financial wellness. Based in East Liberty. Coordinated by **Dennis Floyd Jones**.

Progress 1/31: YES' efforts resulted in the creation of our youth council. Developing the youth council prioritizes youth voice in violence prevention efforts. Doing so has shared insights of the need to hyper focus on providing mental health resources and support. YES hired new staff whose primary responsibilities are to focus on violence prevention. YES' Voices to Men program continues to help facilitate violence prevention. Male identifying youth meet twice weekly for group mentorship and prosocial activities, fusing youth voice with social protection factors and resiliency building. During January, youth decided that they want to cocreate the program agenda as they have learned from staff how to facilitate sessions and now feel equipped and confident. YES ended January with hosting the Pittsburgh Youth Civic Leaders Academy research symposium which showcased the workforce development based violence prevention efforts of youth partnering with the office of the mayor.

Progress 3/31: YES is on track with our goals and providing resources, supports, and services to youth to address gun violence in the city. We are moving forward and following our implementation plan as youth continue to provide feedback supporting our efforts. YES is meeting bi-weekly with grantees to support our individual initiatives.

Impact 1/31: Youth participants are reporting a sense of belonging at YES - when community violence is rearing, youth are deescalating, decompressing, and processing what's happened at YES, and in doing so curtailing the likelihood of retaliatory violence.

Impact 3/31: YES is working with several grantees to make a collective impact with our young people and communities. Coalition building has been a strength of this grant.

#### **YouthPlaces** - Zones 1-2-5 - \$60,000

Engage 120 students and include the Hobbies to Opportunities after school enrichment, trauma informed care and strengths-based case management system in 3 locations: Downtown, Northside, East End (at Kingsley Association). Coordinated by **Cynthia James**.

Progress 1/31: YouthPlaces has enrolled 137 youth (those who attend 2 or more times/week), and served 135 drop-in youth looking for services at three centers. Ninety of enrolled youth have completed case management support and baseline SEL assessments.

Progress 3/31: We now have over 181 youth enrolled at the three city-based sites, and over 100 social and emotional progress reports. We also have recorded over 200 drop-ins, for students who were just looking for a safe space, a hot meal, and/or a mentor.



Impact 1/31: YouthPlaces is a safe place for teens to convene and also process. Our impact on violence is more on the prevention side, where we attempt to provide teens with activities/opportunities to keep them from engaging in risky environments/situations.

Recently, at our downtown location, an 18 year old black male, involved in our job skills development program, received a text showing that his brother had been violently attacked in another part of town. Naturally, this young man wanted to begin retaliatory planning, however, our staff were able to intervene, coach him, and also give him a safe place to stay our site for hours longer than it was open. From that point, we reached out to our REACH staff member who came down to the site the next day and began proactive planning to reduce the risk to this young man and others.

Impact 3/31: YouthPlaces has a unique approach to preventing youth from engaging in high-risk situations. Our work is able to support individual youth in positively addressing issues/barriers which could lead to violence.

**Za'kiyah House** - Zone 5 - \$15,000

Begin the process of healing for clients by providing a cohort of 10 program participants with workshops and other support options, plus budgeting techniques, how to get to resources, overdose prevention, spiritual awareness, mental health wellness, and finally telling their trauma through story telling. All sessions facilitated by leaders with relevant life experiences. Coordinated by **Rona Davis-Moore**.

Progress 1/31: We have completed our third workshop with POISE funds. Each 8-week workshop had at least 8-10 participants. We are getting ready to start our 4th workshop on the 12th of March.

Progress 3/31: We have completed two of our eight-week healing workshops, each person attended 1.5 hours of workshop, received a \$25.00 gift card, participated in self-care day & family day.

Impact 1/31: Most of our participants come from impacted backgrounds, where they have directly been involved or been a victim of the violence going on in our city. Our impact gives each participant different ways of using peace instead of violence.

Impact 3/31: Our workshops enable our participants to come out more knowledgeable on things that have kept them in poverty, violence and addiction. The workshops we provided help them navigate through systems that have kept them in a negative environment.

Resources is the title of one of our workshops. To do this workshop, we invited Foundation of Hope and they provided assistance with housing, transportation, and clothing. These things alone are such a barrier to people, but the Foundation of Hope was able to knock down those barriers instantly. The people I work with are unable or unwilling to seek help in this way, therefore bringing the resources to them allows them to engage semi privately.

End of list.

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The next report will cover the period from May 10 to August 10, 2023.

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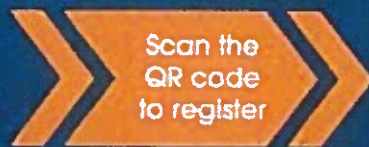
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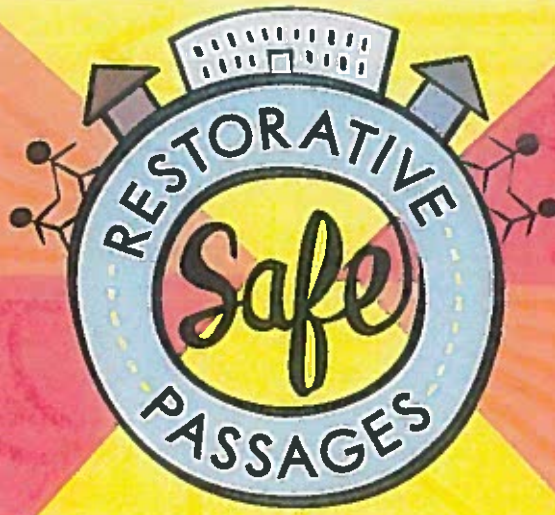
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- 6 weeks of training
- Restorative circles and activities
- Ambassadors will be helping during the school day to change social norms and combat bullying and with dismissal to help keep peers safe
- Ambassadors will **get paid** a small stipend for participation
- **Food** included in training
- Scan QR code for parent permission form


## USE YOUR VOICE TO MAKE CHANGE!

Please contact Cecelia Ware with any questions at:  
412-345-1366 | [cware@infinitelifestylesolutions.org](mailto:cware@infinitelifestylesolutions.org)



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75TH  
2ND DISTRICT CONFERENCE  
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YOUTH LEADERSHIP  
SUMMIT



**SEEKING BLACK MALE STUDENT LEADERS GRADES 9-12**

**SUMMIT TOPICS:**

- GOAL SETTING AFTER HIGH SCHOOL
  - MENTAL WELLNESS
  - SECURING THE BAG
- YOUTH PEACE DIALOGUE

**DATE:**

APRIL 22, 2023

**TIME:**

8AM - 1PM (LUNCH PROVIDED AT NOON)

**LOCATION:**

THE KAUFMANN CENTER  
510 HELDMAN ST. PITTSBURGH, PA 15219



TO REGISTER, PLEASE VISIT  
<https://tinyurl.com/omegayouthleadership>

REGISTRATION IS FREE!



The **Youth Leadership Conference** is being coordinated by the Second District Conference and the Iota Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. It will be held at the Kaufmann Center which is located in the Hill District on April 20, 2022 from 8 AM - 1 PM. This **FREE** conference is designed specifically for Black Males who are in grades 9 - 12 within Allegheny County. It is an outstanding opportunity for these young leaders to be empowered and inspired by African American men from NY, NJ, PA, DE, and MD.

The topics will focus primarily on **mental wellness, financial literacy, career exploration, and peace making**. Interactive sessions will provide opportunities for the young men to reflect and set goals. There will also be a facilitated dialogue that empowers young men to be leaders and game changers within their respective communities.

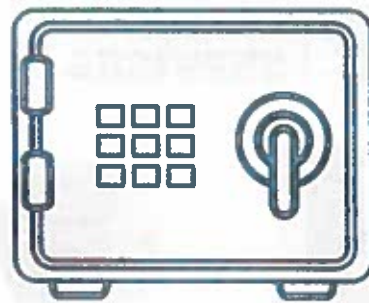
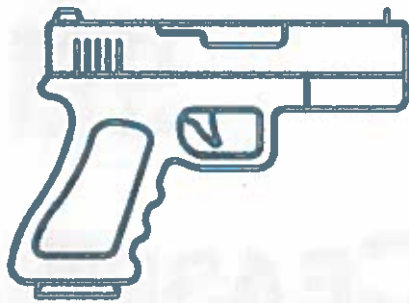
Participants will also have the option to be included in future programs and opportunities coordinated by the Iota Phi Chapter and the Iota Phi Foundation of Pittsburgh. We are only accepting 60 students. We will reach capacity fast so please register now. If you have any questions regarding this event, please email [2nddistrictmpps@gmail.com](mailto:2nddistrictmpps@gmail.com).

**Note:** This Youth Leadership Conference is part of the 75th Second District Conference, requested by the Iota Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. for the year 2022 - 2023. The location of this event will be under the name of the Iota Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. from the following states: AL, AR, GA, IL, IN, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MO, NY, NC, NJ, OH, PA, SC, TN, VA, and WV. The location of the event will be in the Hill District. There will be a fee of \$100 for the event, which will be covered by parking here:

# Join us to learn about firearm safety!

Tuesday, April 11  
5-7pm

Destiny of Faith Church  
3737 Brighton Rd  
Pittsburgh, PA 15212



No registration required

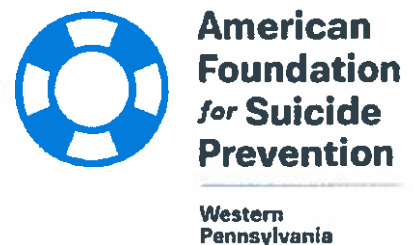
First 100 participants will receive free gun safe

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# BASKETBALL LEAGUE

• CONFLICT RESOLUTION • MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS • TRAUMA THERAPY • ECONOMIC STABILITY

**MONDAY & WEDNESDAY**  
**4PM-6PM**

**5 WEEK SEASON**  
**STARTING MARCH 13, 2023**

**TEAMS OF 4**  
**AGES 13-18**  
D1: 13-15 D2: 16-18

**@ 424 ATHLETE FACTORY**  
**424 GOLD WAY PITTSBURGH, PA 15213**

**\$1,500 IN CASH PRIZES!**

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**FREE TO SIGN UP!**



**SCAN TO REGISTER NOW!**

# Teen LEAD



Family Centers

East Liberty

## the kingsley association Youth Activities

### EVERY WEDNESDAY STARTING MARCH 8



#### *Skills & Drills* 4-5:30pm Starting March 15

Week 1: Speed Focus  
Week 2: Mental & Physical Agility  
Week 3: Explosion & Coping  
Week 4: Testing - Mental & Physical Obstacle Course  
Two Age Groups: 13up & 13under



#### *Boxing* 5:30-7pm Starting March 15

Prelim Youth Boxing is a youth boxing program that provides mentorship, character development, violence prevention, self-defense and community building skills to boys and girls. Ages 10-18



#### *Grabbiti* 5-6pm Starting March 8

Join the Teen L.E.A.D. program as they work on a wall graffiti project with Detective Alphonso Sloan.



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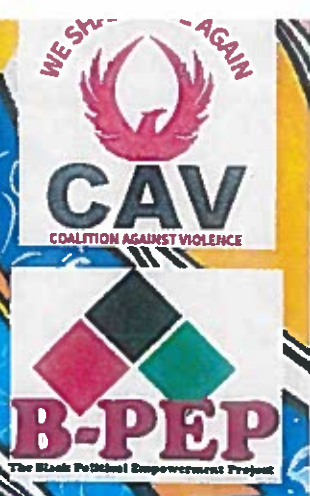
6435 Frankstown Ave.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15206

(412) 661-8751

[www.kingsleyassociation.org](http://www.kingsleyassociation.org)

Greater Pittsburgh Coalition Against Violence

# Community Peace Summit



*Save The  
Date!*

CONNECTING COMMUNITIES -  
EMPOWERING YOUTH

Wednesday, March 22, 2023  
KINGSLEY CENTER  
6435 Frankstown Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15206  
Community Room 1  
**4:00 - 8:00PM**  
Light Refreshments Will Be Provided

## Subjects will include

- Violence Against Women and Girls
- Domestic Violence
- Teen Dating Violence
- Violence Against the LGBTQ+ Community

**MAKE  
YOUR  
VOICE  
HEARD**

If you'd like to help in the planning for our Women's History Month Peace Summit on March 22nd, please call us at 412-212-8775 or email us at [cav.pgh@gmail.com](mailto:cav.pgh@gmail.com)

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Greater Pittsburgh Coalition Against Violence

[www.coalitionagainstviolence.net](http://www.coalitionagainstviolence.net)

Black Political Empowerment Project

[www.bpep.net](http://www.bpep.net)



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# SOUTH SIDE BEARS WELCOME YOU BACK FOR THE 2023 FOOTBALL SEASON!



## SIGN-UPS

**APRIL 22**

**QUARRY FIELD 12-2PM**

Elzy Twerps	5-6 year olds	weight limit for skilled positions
Twerps	7-8 year olds	115 lbs
Terrides	9-10 year olds	130 lbs
Mighty Mirros	11-12 year olds	150 lbs
Midgets	13-14 year olds	185 lbs

\*can not turn 15 before Nov. 1st

**ALL CHILDREN MUST HAVE A PHYSICAL, AND BIRTH CERTIFICATE.**

**REGISTRATION FEE \$60**

**QUESTIONS CONTACT KEVIN ALTON 412-589-8493**