

CAC NEWS



Children & Charity International Newsletter

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POSITIVE ENGAGEMENT OF DISTRICT YOUTH

A study by researchers at the University of California, Irvine, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and Policy Studies Associates, Inc. finds that regular participation in high-quality afterschool programs is linked to significant gains in standardized test scores and work habits as well as reductions in behavior problems among disadvantaged students. Children and Charity International can attest that this is true from our experience and observation over the last 25 years of engaging District of Columbia youth. Once again during the 2022 to 2023 Out of School Time (OST) enrichment and creative arts programs, 760 K to 8th students and 480 high school and college youth exemplified that they are smart, able to develop, learn new skills, and improve behavior.

Youth representing all 8 Wards in Washington DC engaged in hands-on and interactive activities. Academic and Social Enrichment included homework help and tutoring in math, reading, and science to meet the Common Core State Standards; Summer STEM and Life Skills exposed youth to STEM disciplines and career opportunities, while critical skills training increased youth chances of attaining and keeping jobs, or starting their own businesses. Social/Emotional Learning (SEL) helped youth develop social, emotional, and cultural skills. CAC is happy to report that we were able to specially impact the population at Turner Elementary School in Ward 8 with Theater Arts as an integral part of SEL to improve overall behavior. Further, the live productions of *Lion King, Jr* and *Into the Woods* were used as coping mechanisms by the youth when gun violence invaded their safe space.

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Arts and Craft: Students doing artwork.



Literacy: Students hone their reading skills.

High school and college youth were exposed to ten (10) Guest Speakers during the months July-August 2022 and 2023. Athletic Trainer at Friendship Collegiate Academy, Tina Carrillo, MS, LAT ATC explained “the importance of personal branding.” Trauma Facilitator, Stage Play Writer, Producer & Director, Keith McDaniel spoke on “Self-Awareness, Trauma, Self-Image & Self-Esteem”. Certified Financial Advisor & U.S. Senate Branch Experience Credit Union Manager, Takisha Thompson spoke on “Importance of Savings, Finance, & Credit Investments.” Medical Doctor, Derrick Obiri-Yeboah at Case Western Reserve University, Ohio spoke on “A Journey as a Medical Doctor and Serendipity, Brain Tumors.” CEO Kreamies Specialty Bakery spoke on “Entrepreneurship”

and gave an on-site tour of the bakery. CEO of Non-Profit Organization Burgeon Mentorship – Grieving Adolescent Students, Ghelatia Araia explained “The Importance of STEM Education & Marketing Yourself in the Job Market and the Journey as a Student of Children and Charity SYEP program.” Music Artist, Singer, Songwriter, Drummer & Producer, Remy Williams, spoke about “Work Ethic & Consistency.” Former Children & Charity {CAC} International SYEP STEM Student & Leader, Demetrice Lester engaged youth on “Business & Life and How to Connect Through God and the Journey as a Student of CAC SYEP.” Founder of Watu Moja & Pastor, Mr. Tim Merrill “The Art of Living Actively or Passively” President & Founder at Women of Character, Pastor of Words

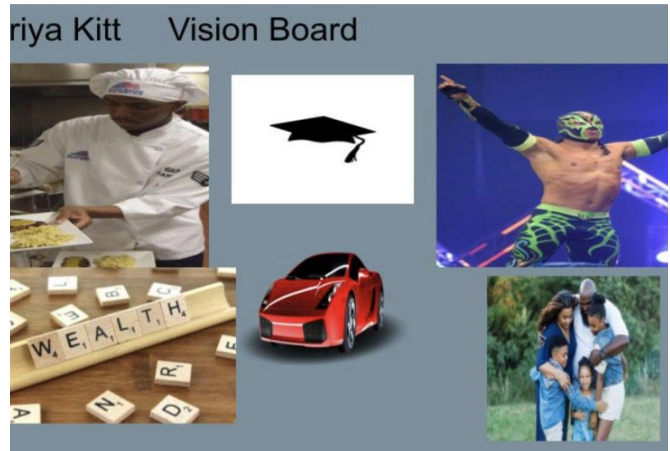
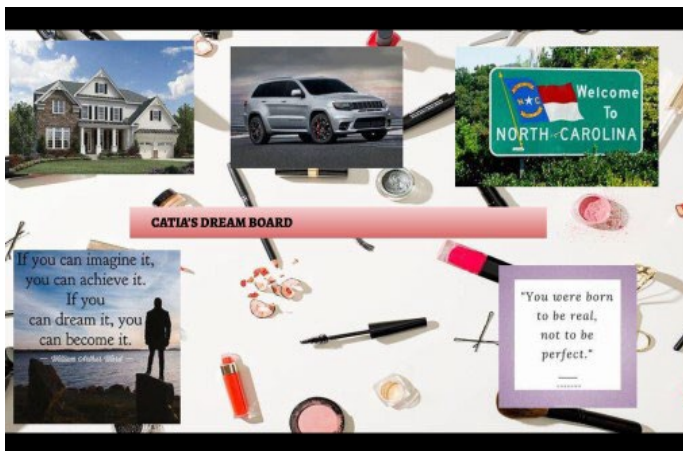
of Life Ministries Christian Center & Christian Counselor dedicated the session to a female discussion.

CAC administrators and instructors are committed to the Quality Improvement Process. They conduct YPQ assessments to ensure that programming is engaging, interactive, supportive, and conducted in a safe environment.

VISION BOARDS

CAC Summer Youth embraced opportunities to decide, design, and create vision boards which reflected their plans, goals, and how they foresee their future objectives and outcomes. Youth shared details of their boards with classmates for clarity. Everyone had great fun.

YOUTH VISION BOARDS

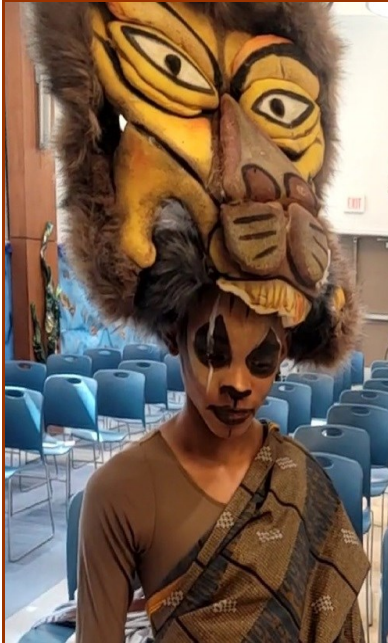


YOUTH VOICE

In collaboration with facilitators from AYD Practice LLC, participants in CAC year-round and summer programs showed keen interest as they participated in series Advancing Youth Development. Mr. Y. El-Mustafaa Madyun, a Youth Development and Adult Education expert exposed youth to the Youth Development framework. Youth participated in boisterous and vigorous discussions and asked many questions for better understanding as Mr. Madyun highlighted the need for them to find and utilize opportunities, services, and supports to help them develop their full potential.

SPOTLIGHT

Molding Thinkers,
Innovators, and
Builders



Congratulations
Turner ES students
for participating in
the live production of
Lion King, Jr.



A SUMMER OF FUN

Students at St. Augustine Catholic School show their certificates gained from participating in a Summer Arts and Enrichment Camp.





Children and Charity International conducting Outreach in the community.

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Ongoing Humanitarian and Relief Efforts



Children & Charity International continues its humanitarian mission and disaster relief efforts. We support people affected by earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, and tornadoes with supplies and aid. We have assisted during Hurricane Katrina 2005, Ike 2008, Sandy 2012, Harvey 2017, Dorian 2019, and Laura 2020. We have sponsored medical mission trips to Haiti to provide free clinics for children and elderly people that cannot afford to pay for treatment.

CAC supports the Care for A Child's Heart (CFACH) Project that provides pre-op and post-op care for patients suffering from heart diseases in Kenya. In our quest to motivate children and youth to attend school we sponsor special education projects in Haiti, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, and Sierra Leone.

Lend your professional skills and expertise as lecturers/trainers in the US or join us on a mission trip. Visit the website for upcoming trips.

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