Cornerstone Collaborative Brunch and Ball Mentoring Program

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by providing weekly workshops on life-skills and youth development topics leading to positive social, physical and emotional development. The program is designed to offer guidance to youth and adolescent participants through presentations by experts in disparate fields of endeavor. Currently, in light of the COVID-19 health crisis, these services may also be delivered virtually when appropriate. The project workshops are interactive and of interest to the target youth population which we engage to build stronger communities. The Brunch and Ball Mentoring program engages pre-teens and teens who are often underserved and lack access to resources, direction and mentoring relationships. In the absence of which, outcomes are often negative behavior and adverse outcomes for themselves and their communities. This negative behavior includes and is not limited to gang violence, drug dealing, drug use, gang affiliation, suicide, and bullying. We also recognize that additional support and resources may be needed to address teen mental health concerns such as depression, bipolar disorder, and even schizophrenia. Workshops are coupled with sports activities such as basketball and volleyball to teach teamwork and cooperation, to encourage active and healthy lifestyles and to promote positive emotional and mental health.

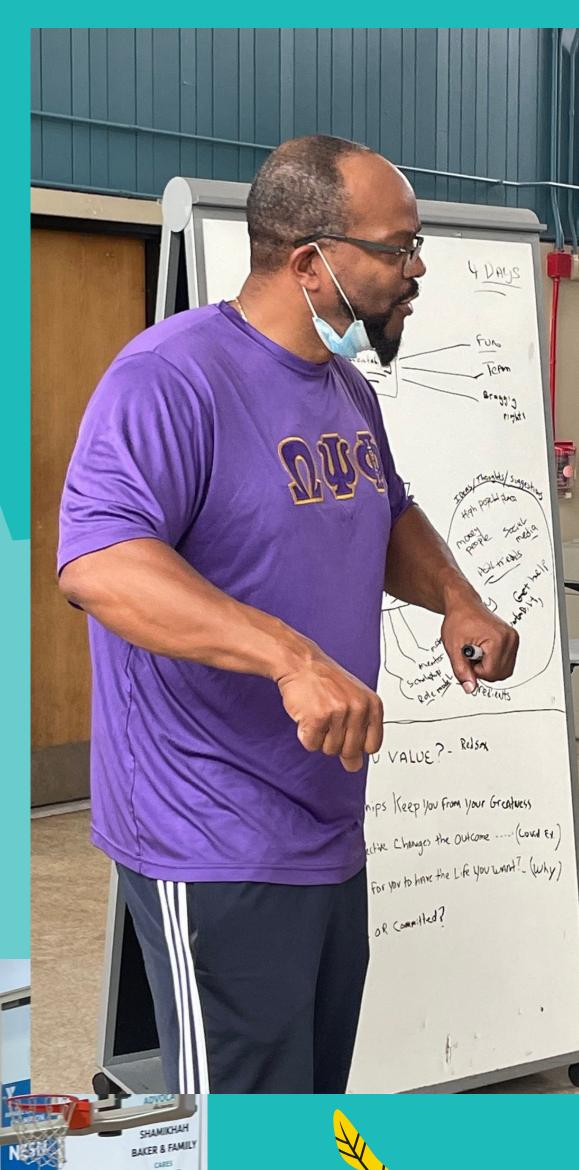
Our approach aims to reduce the incidence of non-fatal self-harm, suicide, bullying, youth depression, youth violence and school violence while building life skills through character development and social and emotional supports. Cornerstone engages youth (participants) in pro-social activities geared toward building confidence and boosting self esteem. Measurable outcomes include: Improved literacy Reduction in truancy and dropouts Reduction in incidence of bullying and violence among engaged participants Disruption of school to prison pipeline in targeted

neighborhoods. Increased health awareness and well-being of participants Reduction in recidivism among youth served

The mentoring program aims to improve the participants' confidence and commitment to academic and career success while establishing lasting mentoring relationships to facilitate access to education, training, health, and wealth creation for disengaged and disenfranchised young people. Cornerstone Collaborative Brunch and Ball Mentoring Program

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