

Evolutions



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Message from The Founder

Greetings! As we head into our fifth year I am pleased to report great progress and exciting plans for the future.

With Reef House now open and fully operational, the fruits of our labor are evident every day in the smiles, growing confidence and accomplishments of the youth we serve.

This year saw the hiring of additional staff and the initiation of our after-school program, which provides academic development support, health and fitness, cultural enrichment, and counseling services to disadvantaged youth five days a week. We partnered with various community agencies to expand the scope of our activities and with schools who referred children who had the potential to benefit most from our programs.

We also received our first government grants, which enabled us to purchase additional supplies to expand and accommodate more children, as well as ensure that each child gets the individual attention they need to thrive and grow.

Looking forward, we are in the process of further developing the after-school program and expanding to accommodate more children, many of whom are now on a waiting list. One of our key areas of focus is at-risk teens and we hope to create additional resources to address their unique needs.

As our momentum continues to build and our reputation as an agency that delivers concrete, positive results continues to grow, I am confident that Future Foundation will achieve even greater success in the months to come.

My heartfelt thanks goes out to the many individuals and businesses who share our dream and who have played such an essential role in our growth and success. Your support enhances the educational capabilities of youth and will continue to provide hope and the tools to create a positive future for our precious children.

Blessings to you,

Shareef Abdur-Rahim

We're Talking Turkey By The Hundreds!

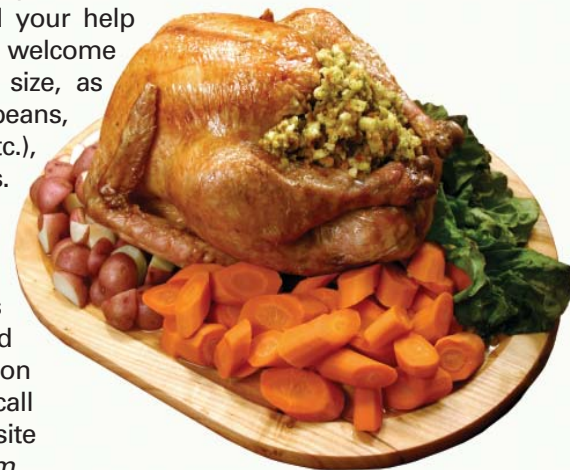
It's that time of year again, as we gear up for our 5th Annual Turkey Dinner Program event; one of our most popular events for staff, volunteers and recipients alike. We're excited about the opportunity to provide fully cooked Thanksgiving turkey dinners to hundreds of low-income families unable to afford one on their own.

Last year we partnered with Wayfield Foods and a host of energetic volunteers who prepared and delivered full turkey dinners to 300 families. This year we hope to serve even more families, whose eligibility is determined based on income. Reef House program attendees and their families receive a dinner, as well as families referred by community groups and agencies such as United Way. Additionally, Katrina victims residing within identified Atlanta shelters will also be serviced.

The dinners are delivered to individual homes on Thanksgiving morning so that families can enjoy the meal and the day in the privacy of their homes. Since the program first began in 2001, Future Foundation has delivered over 1,150 dinners, which have fed over 9,000 individuals.

We need your help!

Current preparations for this year's event are underway, and we need your help in the coming weeks. We welcome monetary donations of any size, as well as canned goods (green beans, corn, sweet potatoes, etc.), pies and other food items. We also need volunteers for a variety of activities, including food preparation, dinner packaging, drivers and people to load/unload vehicles. For more information on how you can help, call 404-766-0510 or visit our web site at www.future-foundation.com



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Funding Efforts Gain Momentum

Our 2005 funding efforts thus far have yielded some impressive results. As always, we're very thankful for the support given by our Board and Founder. We're also specially pleased to announce the awarding of four grants in 2005, nearly totaling \$94,500.

The largest was 50,000 from the U.S. office of Community Services. The money will be used for capacity building initiatives. We also received \$25,000 from DHR to service TANF recipients. FRESH (Fulton Roundtable Expanded Services Headquarters) awarded \$18,000 for program expansion. And last but not least, the National Basketball Association generously donated \$1,500 which was applied to our 2005 Summer Program.

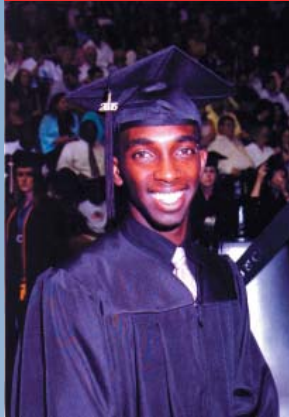
As we head into the final months of 2005, we look forward to receiving positive responses regarding numerous other grant proposals submitted and other Future Foundation fund raising initiatives. Every dollar we receive will help further our mission of improving the lives of inner city and at-risk youth.

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Zaach Estrada-Peterson



Scholarship Program Salutes It's First Graduate!

In 2001, Future Foundation established a scholarship program to help academically qualified students unable to cover the entire cost of attending an accredited university. Our first recipient was Zaach Estrada-Peterson, who recently graduated from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (UNCC) with a bachelor's degree in Accounting.

Zaach had always dreamed of going to college, but his parents couldn't afford to send him, even though Zaach, the youngest of four children, had a 3.5 grade point average at Joseph Wheeler High School in Marietta. He learned through a fellow student that Future Foundation was offering a scholarship and applied for it in the nick of time, barely beating the application deadline. A few weeks later, one morning during homeroom, it was announced over his high school's PA system that Zaach had been selected for a full four-year scholarship worth \$40,000. Zaach was ecstatic. "I could barely hear it with all the noise and wasn't sure I'd heard it right until I noticed that everyone was staring at me. It was one of the most exciting moments of my life."

During his four years at UNCC, Zaach focused intensely on his academic studies, but he also found time to pursue his interests in music and journalism by participating in a number of extracurricular activities. For three years he sang in the on-campus Gospel Choir as well as two other University choral groups and a trio that he formed outside of school. Zaach also worked as a staff writer for the University Times during his junior year and became the Viewpoint (opinions) Editor during his senior year.

Zaach also took time out of college life to give something back to his community, volunteering for several causes including a local homeless shelter and the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program in Charlotte. "Having been given such a generous gift, I wanted to make it count even more by giving something of myself to others."

Zaach is now back at UNCC, where he is fast-tracking a second degree in Spanish. He's also the Managing Editor of the university newspaper and has founded a new campus gospel choir called the Voice of Eden. He plans to use his degrees and his journalism experience to pursue a career in magazine publishing.

"I feel so honored to have received this scholarship," says Zaach, when asked how he feels about it all now that he's graduated. In expressing his commitment to passing the torch to others, he quoted something Muhammed Ali once said, "Service to others is the rent we pay for our space here on Earth."

We at Future Foundation are confident that Zaach will be a model tenant.



Volunteer Spotlight

Davon Huston

Spend an afternoon at Future Foundation and chances are you'll see Davon Huston surrounded by a flock of kids with a lot to say...and the willingness to listen.

When Davon first offered her services as a volunteer, we could hardly believe our good fortune. With a masters degree in school counseling, Davon brings many skills to our volunteer program.

One of her most valuable contributions to date has been the development of innovative group discussion materials, which help our young participants to express themselves and learn from one another. In addition, she provides one-on-one counseling and has been involved in a number of fund raising activities.

"I always wanted to give back to the community that has given so much to me. Since volunteering at Future Foundation, I've seen firsthand that with a qualified and willing staff working with schools, parents and community, these at-risk children really can flourish and reach their true potential."

To Davon and all of our wonderful volunteers, a big, resounding

"THANK YOU!"

Recent and Upcoming Events

Future Foundation New Web site Launch
May 2005

Reef House Kids participate in Diabetes Walk
September 2005

Turkey Dinner Program
November 2005

Reef House Kids Participate in 4-H Camp at Rock Eagle
December 2005

Founder's Mixer
Summer 2006

Back to School Run/Walk
August 2006

13 WAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Future Foundation is in need of the following items and services. Whether your contribution is small or large, monetary or in-kind, you are helping to improve the lives of our young people and make our community a stronger and healthier place to live.

- Art supplies
- Books (age appropriate for youth 9-18)
- Computer software
- Educational games
- Educational supplies (paper, notebooks, chalk, etc.)
- Gift certificates for student incentives
- Materials and labor for outdoor stage area
- Musical equipment
- Recreation equipment
- X-Box, Playstation2, & Game Cube Games (Rated E & T)
- Group Passes (theater, amusement parks, aquarium, etc.)
- 5 passenger bus

Last but not least, we are in need of volunteers to assist in all areas, including mentors, tutors, sports enthusiasts and people with special skills related to fine arts, crafts, dance, music, computer technology and more. If you have a special skill or interest that you would like to share, we are waiting to hear from you!

NEW DIRECTORS

WELCOME

In order to strengthen and expand our ability to meet the needs of at-risk youth, Future Foundation has expanded its Board of Directors, who are key advocates and allies in accomplishing our goals. We're pleased to welcome the following new board members:



Lisa Robinson
Real Estate Broker
Robinson Realty



Amil Johnson
Attorney
Fulton County Attorney's Office



Tracye Bryant
PR Coordinator
Southern Regional Health System



Verna Jennings Cleveland
Fundraiser/Consultant

In addition to their valuable skills and contributions, each board member inspires all of us at Future Foundation by their passionate commitment to our cause. New board member Tracye Bryant sums it up perfectly, "There was never a question in my mind about joining Future Foundation's board. Their mission and the compassion shared by the founder and the many people that dedicate their time is unprecedented. It is everyone's responsibility to help children succeed, and that is exactly what we are doing."

**"To the world, you may just be somebody.
But to somebody, you just might be the world."**

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Program Director

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Vision

Future Foundation will be recognized nationally as an exemplary organization in providing stable and effective youth programming for inner city and at-risk children.

Board of Directors

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Mission

Future Foundation is dedicated to improving the lives of low-income and at-risk youth in Metro-Atlanta by providing programs that enhance children's social and intellectual development while improving self-esteem, character, academic performance, and physical well-being.

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