



MEMORANDUM

TO: Jacksonville City Council

FROM: Debbie Verges

DATE: June 1, 2009

RE: Monthly Report on *Jacksonville Journey*-May 2009

During the month of May we continued to move forward in implementing the *Jacksonville Journey* program. The progress includes (1) The Oversight Committee held its monthly meeting (2) Jacksonville Commitment contract has been fully executed (3) Team UP programs continue to serve over 1800 youth daily and Summer Camp programs will start in June (4) Intramural Sports Leagues held end of season basketball tournament (5) Closed Community Center contracts have been awarded pending City Council and community approval (6) Tours available for *Journey* programs.

Additional detail on the progress is below. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

*Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee*-The Oversight Committee held their regularly scheduled meeting in May. Presentations were made by Team UP, Out of School Suspension, and Recreation and Community Services (update on progress regarding repairing neglected city assets).

*Jacksonville Commitment*-The Jacksonville Commitment contract has been executed. Students were awarded scholarships for the spring semester and two pre-collegiate advisors have been hired.

*Team Up and Summer Camp*-Over 1800 youth attended the 15 Team Up locations per day. Summer Camp will begin June 8, June 15 or June 22 for eight week intervals. Camps will be offered in 82 locations throughout the City.

*Intramural Sports Leagues*-The end of the season basketball tournament for Intramural Sports Leagues were held May 11-15 at Scott Park (the final games were held at the Cuba Hunter gym due to rain). Mitchell Park won both the 13-15 and 16-17 year old divisions.

*Closed Community Centers*-Pending City Council and community approval, contracts will be awarded to Family Nurturing Center for the Lillian Saunders Community Center, Second Chance Help Center for the Joe James Community Center and Couples in Christ for the Sunny Acres Community Center.

*Tours of Jacksonville Journey programs*-Tours of Jacksonville Journey funded programs are available. If you are interested in touring a program or programs they can be scheduled at your convenience. Please call 630-7258.

*All Information relative to the Journey programs is available on the website at -* <http://www.coj.net/Mayor/Jacksonville+Journey/default.htm>. All JJOC meetings are being held in the Ed Ball Conference room. All meetings are broadcast live and recordings are available on the website within 48 hours of each meeting.