



Positive Youth Development
1/23/08

Attached is a list of material that was received for consideration by your committee:

- E-mail suggestion on a "High School Challenge Day" provided by Barbara Wilson (bwilson@coj.net)
- Memo on Growing Productive Citizens provided by Devin Reed (dreed@coj.net)

Email suggestion from Barbara Wilson:

I would like to make a suggestion to the Positive Youth Development subcommittee and the Education subcommittee for the Anti-Crime Initiative. Would you happen to know who I could forward my suggestion to?

My suggestion would be to implement a "High School Challenge Day" where kids participate and wind up sharing enough to see that we all have many of the same hurdles and pain and that we are all more alike than different.

Oprah devoted an entire show to it that describes how to implement a program like this. Go to: http://www.oprah.com/tows/pastshows/200611/tows_past_20061109.jhtml and -->Click on Breaking Down The Barriers.

DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL OPERATIONS



December 14, 2007

VIA FACSIMILE (904) 768-0877

Ms. Julie K. Fleurinor
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Re: Growing Productive Citizens

Dear Ms. Fleurinor:

This letter is a follow-up to your December 8, 2007 letter to me, concerning the above-referenced matter. It will confirm that, like your organization, the City of Jacksonville is also committed to growing productive citizens, as indicated by many of its initiatives. In fact, in an effort to galvanize its citizens against crime and the communal ills that flow there from, the city has initiated "The Jacksonville Journey," which seeks to address many of the same issues and opportunities your organization champions.

The Jacksonville Journey's Steering Committee is co-chaired by Betty Holzendorf and John Rood, and at least two of its subcommittees would benefit from your organization's involvement, e.g., Positive Youth Development and Education, Truancy, Dropout & Literacy. As such, by copy of this letter, I will share your letter with Ms. Linda Lanier, executive director of the Jacksonville Children's Commission, and ask her to contact you regarding the same.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to call me. Thank you for your commitment to and investment in our children.

Sincerely,



Devin J. Reed,
Director

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cc: Ms. Linda Lanier (w/ letter)
Ms. Kurri Stewart (w/ letter)



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December 8, 2007

Devin Reed
 117 West Duval Street
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Dear Devin,

As we, the Jacksonville community continues to wrestle with our response to the growing crime and violence in our city, we are all looking for solutions and ways to invest our time, energy, and resources to see our community become a safe place again for all citizens in 2008. Our youth development program, ACCESS LUMAS is seeking to do our part in providing a safe place for children and youth to learn and grow to become productive citizens in our society. One of our goals is to help kids feel safe enough to learn and discover their potential to achieve greatness and make better the communities in which they live.

The Access-LUMAS Youth Development Program is an experiential learning program designed to offer at risk elementary, middle and high school students' a positive, safe environment in a before and after school program including components which focus on drug and violence prevention, counseling, character education, arts and music activities and academic enrichment learning programs. Our targeted groups of students' need a positive supportive learning environment, mentors, character development and programs that will help them modify behavior because they are at high risk for dropping out of school, disruptive classroom behavior, multiple school suspensions, and teenage pregnancy. Our targeted students are at high risk because many of them live in environments infested with crime, drugs, lawlessness, hopelessness and they have little parental supervision after school due to parents working or absent from the home. LUMAS seeks to offer hope and a positive learning experience fostering behavior modification and character development. LUMAS is an acronym for Leadership, Unity, Mentoring, Arts/academics/athletics and Spirituality. The program uses five components to address important areas of development within a young person's life. The anticipated outcome of LUMAS is to teach life skills and learning experiences that will help change their outlook on life by changing their attitude and behavior.


As you wrestle with where to invest your resources at the end of this year and in 2008, please consider becoming a financial partner of the ACCESS.LUMAS Youth Development Program. Currently we offer before and after care services to children and youth including transporting them to and from school, providing breakfast and snacks, tutoring and the enrichment and experiential learning opportunities described in this letter. We are able to provide these services with other grant funding for only **\$200.00 per month per child**. Our goal is to offer scholarships to a total of twenty five new students adding at least 10 new students in the spring 2008 and 15 new students in Fall 2008.

- One student can receive a scholarship for one month for only **\$200.00**
- One student can receive a scholarship for an entire semester for only **\$1000.00**
- Five students can receive a scholarship for an entire semester for only **\$5,000.00**
- Ten students can receive a scholarship for an entire semester for only **\$10,000.00**

New Life Community Church UMC, is proud of the programs offered by Access.LUMAS Youth Development Program. New Life Community Church UMC is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) and is committed to making a difference in the lives of low-income through our youth enrichment program called ACCESS.LUMAS.

We would certainly appreciate your generosity in supporting and making a financial contribution to our ACCESS.LUMAS youth development program. If you would like additional information or would like to schedule a time to visit our site, please contact me at 904-537-1909 or email me at kent@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,


 Julie K. Fleunor, Program Director

Message from ACCESS.LUMAS Visionaries

As a child, I grew up in Miami, Florida. My mom being a single parent of four children did her best to protect us in a crime infested neighborhood. I longed to be safe and secure. I found security in caring teachers, extended family & a faith community. I am determined to help make communities safer for future generations. I am committed to finding solutions for problems that help children & youth reach their full potential. Thus the Vision of ACCESS.LUMAS was born.



Julie K. Fleurinor

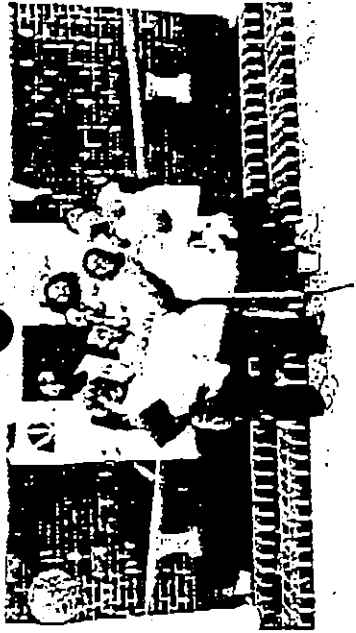
I am challenging friends, community leaders, city government and faith communities to recognize these needs and help us provide youth ACCESS to information and knowledge which has become the currency of this generation; and programs which develop and nurture students as "good stewards" who are respectful of their own lives, the lives of others and our community. Please partner with us in making this vision a reality!!!



Min. Jeffery Davis

I grew up in Jacksonville, Florida and I understand the challenges that young African American males are facing today. God has given me a vision to use media, video and technology to communicate God's message of hope to this generation of children and youth who at times seems very hopeless. My wife and I invested almost every weekend for five years into the vision of ACCESS.LUMAS because we believe in the impact it makes in the lives of children and youth. We continue to invest in furthering the vision because I continue to see the difference it makes!!! Over the years, I have learned that two keys to making this ministry work, are "consistency, because the kids want to know that we'll be here whether they come or not," and "keeping it fresh with new ideas, because kids get bored quickly." Please partner with us in making this vision a reality!!!

Some of Our Volunteers



Our Current Staff:

- Julie Fleurinor, Program Director
- Min. Jeffery Davis, Technology
- Janezher Fleurinor, Arts
- Cyrus Quarante, Music
- Martez Way, Student Mentor

Partnership Agencies, & Financial Supporters Access. LUMAS Youth Development Program



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What is the ACCESS.LUMAS Youth Development Program?

The acronym L.U.M.A.S. - Leadership, Unity, Mentoring, Arts/academics, and Spirituality- LUMAS is a youth development program designed to expose urban children and youth to a greater number of positive experiences in order to counter the fatalistic events that may lure them into criminal or immoral activities.

What Youth & Children are we serving in the Jacksonville Community?

This program targets children and youth aged 5-17 living in low income housing developments and communities and we serve students who are at-risk of educational failure in an effort to teach them life skills including anger management, leadership, health education, team building and more as a means out of the despair, hopelessness and isolation that sometimes exists in these environments. Our students live in zip codes: 32218, 32208, 32203

A goal of ACCESS.LUMAS!

ACCESS.LUMAS seeks to produce total life change by starting to address problem areas in the lives of students.

One of the goals of ACCESS.LUMAS is to strengthen the family structure through the building of loving, encouraging and supportive relationships between parent and child. Parents and family members participate monthly in the programs and support their children's activities within the program.

Before & After Care Program



Highlights of our Programs Community service



Arts



Recreation



Academics



What kids, parents and supporters say about ACCESS.LUMAS!!!

Message from a young Family

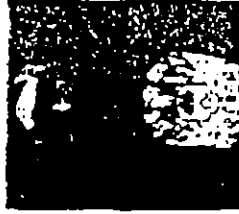
"My child is really coming out of her shell, she is a part of the dance and musical team here." She loves it here



The Ragland Family

Message from Youth Mentor

"I am 15 years old & I mentor the youth that come to the center. I get community service hours and I like reading to the younger kids"



Martez Way - First Coast High School

Message from a Single Parent Family

My daughter is very active and very strong willed. Access.LUMAS has found creative ways to help re-direct her ability to push the limits in positive ways.



The Sanders Family

Message from the Pastor

Over the last 8 years the ACCESS.LUMAS Program, has been instrumental in impacting the lives and future of hundreds of students. Families at New Life and in the community have been blessed by the dedication & commitment of the Staff & volunteers of ACCESS.LUMAS



Rev. Candace M. Lewis