

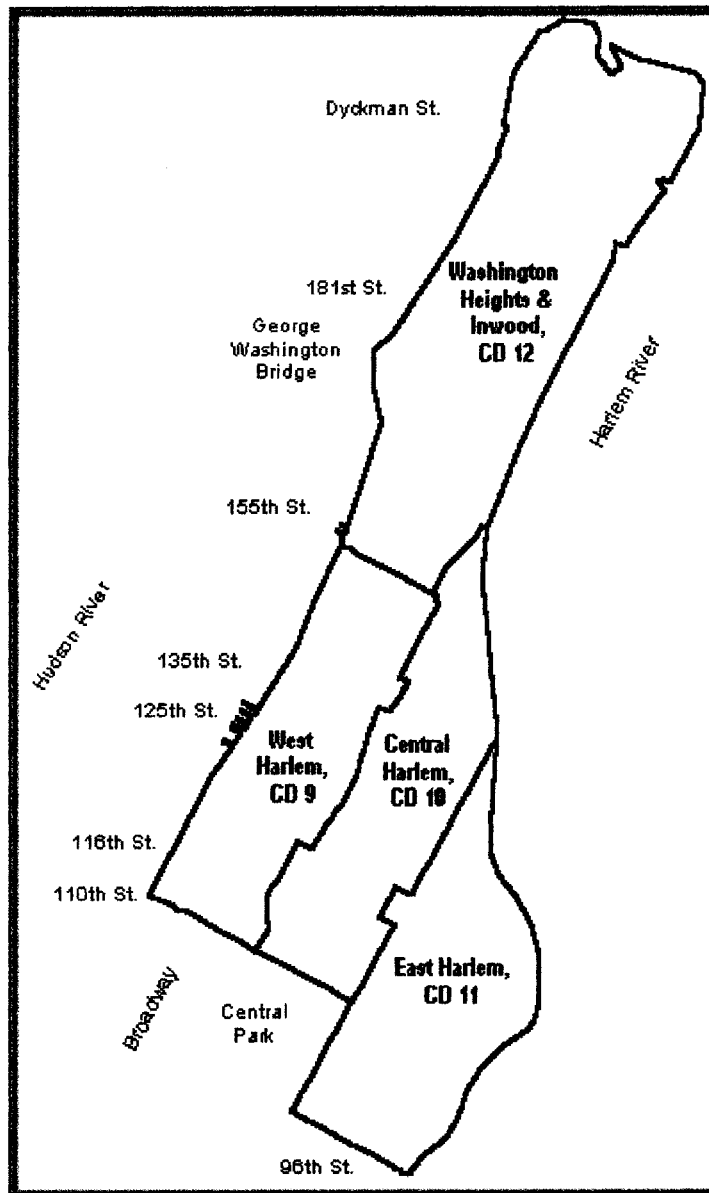
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**YOUNG PEOPLE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 14 - 21  
CAME BEFORE A PANEL OF HARLEM'S  
LEADERSHIP AND SPOKE ABOUT  
AN ARRAY OF ISSUES.**

**The following are the issues the young people covered.**

**THE HARLEM YOUTH AGENDA SHOULD FOCUS ON:**

***Criminal Justice***

Drug Programs ♦ Police Brutality ♦ Prison Industrial Complex  
Racial Profiling ♦ School Safety Officers

***Education***

After-school Programs ♦ Black History Classes ♦ Books  
Class Size ♦ Drug Programs ♦ General Education Degree Program  
Sex Education ♦ Educational Trips ♦ Tutorial Programs  
Qualified/Licensed Teachers

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Abandoned Buildings ♦ Affordable Housing

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***Youth Advisory Council***

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WRIGHT**

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***Youth conference participants putting their issues 'on the table.'***

November 10, 1999

Honorable Charles B. Rangel  
Member  
United States Congress  
163 West 125th Street  
New York, New York 10027

Dear Congressman Rangel:

As you may remember, last year's Million Youth March brought Harlem together. We rallied under one banner to safeguard our community and keep our children and our visitors safe. We did not do this because we supported the March or Khalid Abdul Muhammad but because we were tired of being the battlefield in somebody else's war.

As each day brought us closer to the 1998 Million Youth March someone asked: *'if we wanted to, could we put together our own youth rally?'* For youth programs, such as the Rheedlen Center for Children and Families or The Valley or anyone who remembers the early days of the Dinkins' administration, the answer was *"We already have!"* Unfortunately sometimes the general public has selective memory while oftentimes the press will only report that which is sensational. Equally as unfortunate is that people are unaware of what we do on behalf of our youth. They have no idea of how programs and services for young people are paid for and oftentimes have to be fought for. It is because of this unknowingness that people can be drawn into a statement that no one is doing anything on behalf of our young people. Nothing could be further from the truth.

In the wake of the controversy surrounding this year's Million Youth March I have decided to take a course of action answers the question 'can we do our own rally?' On October 29, 1999, I intend to convene a Harlem Youth Rally at the world famous Apollo Theatre. A rally where young people and those of us in policy and decision-making roles get to listen and talk to each

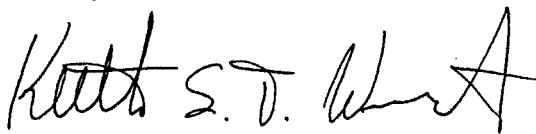
other. Our conversation will be about creating a youth agenda and figuring out how to implement it as well as getting to know one another.

I have already committed funds to this project and have some idea about the format of the event. What I need are your suggestions, criticisms, support, and participation; I ask that you join me in convening Harlem's own Harlem Youth Conference. If I try to convene this conference alone no one benefits and we lose the one good thing that came out of the 1998 Million Youth March: A team that works so well together we can make anything happen.

The first meeting of the Harlem Youth Conference committee will be held at the Northern Manhattan Office of the Manhattan Borough President at 215 West 125<sup>th</sup> Street, on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor at 3:00PM. I hope you will be able to attend or that you will be represented. Please contact my office to RSVP.

I look forward to working with you on this project.

Sincerely,

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Keith L.T. Wright  
Member of Assembly

For immediate release  
November 1, 1999

Contact: Lisa Daglian  
(212) 669-8139

## **MANHATTAN BOROUGH PRESIDENT C. VIRGINIA FIELDS AND HARLEM LEADERS SPONSOR 1st ANNUAL HARLEM YOUTH CONFERENCE**

More than 800 kids attended the first annual Harlem Youth Conference on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 1999 at the Apollo Theater. The conference was sponsored by Manhattan Borough President C. Virginia Fields in conjunction with Assemblyman Keith Wright and the Living Consortium of the New York Urban League.

The purpose of the conference was twofold: to establish a direct dialogue between Harlem's youths and its leaders, and to build a youth agenda shaped by young people.

"Contrary to the old saying, children should not only be seen, but heard," said Borough President Fields. "Our young people are intelligent, energetic and eager. They know what the issues are and how to address them. Therefore, they deserve to shape the agendas that will affect them."

Local kids who attended the conference had the opportunity to voice their opinions and concerns about issues concerning them. Children as young as 11-years-old spoke about rent increases, school safety, police brutality, cutbacks to after-school programs and other problems.

Among the elected officials present to listen to the Harlem youths were Borough President Fields; Assemblyman Wright; Councilman Bill Perkins; and State Senator David Patterson. Also present were Jim Capel, representing Congressman Charles Rangel; Walter Edwards of the Harlem Business Alliance; Elinor Tatum, Editor-in-Chief and Publisher of the *Amsterdam News*; Raymond Diaz, Commanding Officer of the Manhattan Borough; John Bess of The Valley; Dennis Walcott of the New York Urban League; and Imam Talib of the Interreligious Advisory Committee to Chancellor Rudy Crew. Dr. Irving Hamer, the Manhattan representative on the Board of Education, also addressed the kids.

The conference was moderated by young adults, including Ayana Mackins from MTV's "Real World." Several music artists and radio personalities delivered messages of encouragement. They included: Mos Def; Imagine; Dr. Bob Lee of 107.5; Lenny Green of 98.7 Kiss; and Bob Law of WWRL. RCA recording artist Keisha entertained the audience with a song from her soon to be released album.

Jobs for Youth and Morehouse College were among the more than a dozen organizations to distribute literature to the conference's participants.

While Borough President Fields was pleased with this initial effort to engage leaders and young people, she was disappointed with the media's lack of attention. "If the media are going to spotlight negative acts by young people, they also need to highlight the positive," she said.

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October 4, 2000

Shanee Smith  
SCAN/Jobs For Youth  
307 East 116<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, New York 10029

Dear Ms. Smith:

Last October community leaders including civic, business, religious and concerned elected officials, sponsored the first annual Harlem Youth Conference and Speak-Out at the 'world famous' Apollo Theater. Harlem youth from various organizations and programs interacted with a panel of community representatives from law enforcement, governmental agencies and media. From this speak-out the Harlem Youth Agenda was created.

In response to last year's speak-out, this year we want the youth to know "we heard you, we feel you and now it is time for some action." As such I am writing to request your participation as a workshop panelist in the 2nd Annual Harlem Youth Conference. The Conference will take place November 4, 2000, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Harlem Police Athletic League (P.A.L.), 441 Manhattan Avenue (119th Street).

The focus of the Conference will address the topics from the Harlem Youth Agenda that included Criminal Justice, Education, Health, Technology and Employment. The goal is to improve communication and relationships between youth and their community leaders, by creating a Harlem Youth Council.

The conference objectives are for the youth to:

1. Interactively dialogue with community leaders
2. Establish ongoing working relationships with community leaders
3. Formulate youth council committees



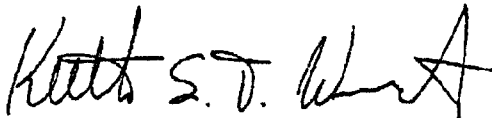
The Conference will consist of six workshops (see attached), two sessions each. Each workshop will be 45 minutes in length. We would like for you to be part of the Employment Opportunities workshop, "Jobs, Jobs! How do I find one?" As a member of a team of representatives in the field of employment, you will dialogue with the youth on issues of their concern. Following, they will report on the workshop outcomes during the wrap-up session of the program.

In addition to your participation, I am inviting the youth members of your organization to take part in the conference. The age range for the conference is 12 - 21 years old. For those young adults that are under 18, I expect your organization to handle processing permission slips for the youth's participation in the event. There are only 500 spaces available, so we are going to take some steps together to make this all work. First, complete the enclosed pre-registration form for each participant, stating their selections for workshops. Second, fax or mail the pre-registration form(s) to my office to the attention of Sandra Hawkins. The fax number is (212) 864-1368. The address is 163 West 125th Street, Suite 920, New York, New York 10027.

It is my hope that as a leader in the community, you will take this opportunity to meet and join with our youth to work toward common goals.

Please contact Sandra Hawkins of my office regarding your availability, or if you have any questions. I look forward to your participation in the 2nd Annual Harlem Youth Conference.

Sincerely,

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Keith L.T. Wright  
Member of Assembly

**ASSEMBLYMAN KEITH L. T. WRIGHT  
IN CONJUNCTION WITH  
THE LIVING CONSORTIUM  
PRESENT THE**



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**(Harlem P.A.L. Center)**

**441 Manhattan Avenue (119th Street)**

**Harlem, New York**

**10 A.M. – 4 P.M.**

**"We heard you, we feel you. It's time for some action."**

Join workshops on Criminal Justice, Health, Education,  
Technology and Employment.  
Pre-registration required!  
Contact your local Harlem youth groups, community  
organizations and high schools.  
For youth ages 12-24.

**For further information:**

**Phone: 212-866-5809**

**Contact – Sandra Hawkins**



Michael Davis



# Youth speak out at Harlem Youth Conference

By DAMASO REYES

*Special to the AmNews*

More than 300 young people came to the Police Athletic League on 119th Street in Harlem to share concerns about the issues important to them. The occasion was the annual Harlem Youth Conference and Speak-Out, sponsored by local business, religious and political leaders.

"It's important that we get to hear what our young people are saying," said Assemb. Keith Wright of Harlem. "Sometimes we talk at, but not to, young people," he added.

The conference hosted four panels: health, technology, employment and criminal justice. The panelists represented different fields related to the panel topics, and included nurses, police officers and entrepreneurs. The day ended with a speak-out in which representatives from each panel answered questions from the audience and listened to their concerns.

Many young people expressed their unease with police-community relations at the speak-out. The New York City Police Department went to great lengths to ease concerns — not only by hosting the conference at a Police Athletic League

site, but by sending two high-ranking officers to talk with young adults in the audience and encourage them to pursue careers in law enforcement.

"It's necessary for the police to get more involved with the community as well as for the community to be more involved

with the police," Wright commented. While police-community relations dominated the speak-out, the panel discussions on technology and employment also drew quite a bit of interest.

"We want to reach out to the people hanging out on the

street corner," said Lawrence Pratt of Technology Centers of America. The company donated a computer, which was raffled off with great fanfare at the end of the conference.

The most tangible benefit of the conference, for many young participants, was their interac-

tions with panelists and advice they received.

"I want to be a police officer and I got advice from a cop who took the same route I was on," said 18-year-old Mario Syvestre.

"I didn't know cops did so much to work the community."



///  
See You

Next Year.



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## WORKSHOPS

### I Criminal Justice

*"Navigating the System"*

Room: 006, Music Room, Lower Level

Facilitator: Calvin Solomon, *Manhattan District Attorney's Office*

Panel:

Leory Frazer, *Manhattan District Attorney's Office*

Chris Johnson, *NYCLU Campaign to Stop Police Brutality*

Leonard Noisette, *Neighborhood Defenders of Harlem*

Hazel Smith, *NYS Department of Corrections*

Jabari Ozase, *Harlem Youth Court*

Damien Walters, *National Action Network*

### I Health

*"Keeping It Real: A Health Workshop for Youths"*

Room: 300, Chess Room

Facilitator: Dr. Alwyn T. Cohall, *Harlem Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention*

Panel:

Renee Cohall, *Adolescent Initiative Project*

Rev. Dr. Alvin T. Durant, *Mother A.M.E. Zion Church*

Veronica Jones, *St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital*

H. Reginald Miller, *Harlem Churches for Community Improvement*

Willie Walker, *NYC Department of Health*

Jesica Walker, *Health Advocate*

### I Education I

*"Learning Under Challenging Conditions"*

Room: Room 301

Facilitator: Barbara Ghyll, *Harlem Educational Activities Fund*

Panel:

Dr. Adelaide Sanford, *NYS Board of Regents*

Dr. Ronald Wells, Principal, *Martin Luther King, Jr. H.S.*

Janice Medina, *Deputy Superintendent for Instruction*

Cordell Cleare, *Member School Board #5*

## WORKSHOPS

### IV Education II

*"Higher Education: The Steps to Getting There"*

Facilitator, Winston Majette, *CAS/Taft Learning Center*

Room: Cafeteria

Panel:

D'Micheal Anglin, *CUNY University Student Senate*

Rev. Frederick Gilbert, *United Negro College Fund*

Avis Hudson, *The College Board*

Charlotte Henson-Butler, *City University of New York*

Laura Higgins, *State University of New York EOC*

Venus Velez, *Harlem Educational Activities Fund*

Laura Vural, *Rheedlen Centers for Children & Families*

### V Technology

*"The Digital Divide: What is it and how do I bridge it?"*

Room: 304, Library

Facilitator: Lorraine Treadwell, *CTC Net Leadership Institute*

Panel:

Richard Calton, *Harlem Live*

Gail Jeter, *Harlem Cyber Savvy*

Jared Leake, *Places of Color*

Lawrence Pratt, *Technology Centers of America*

Mara Rose, *Playing to Win*

Crystal Valentine, *Community School District #5*

### VI Employment Opportunities

*Jobs, Jobs! How do I find one?"*

Room: Gym

Facilitator: Eric Bell, *Rheedlen Centers for Children & Families*

Panel:

Jennifer Brown, *HCCI, Career Development Center*

Rahsaan Harris, *Playing to Win*

Carolyn Robinson, *NYS Department of Labor*

Shanee Smith, *SCAN/Jobs for Youth*

## The Program

### *Morning*

Registration	Youth Participants
Invocation	Reverend Dr. Alvin T. Durant <i>Pastor, Mother A.M.E. Zion Church</i>
Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing	Renee Braithwaite
Welcome and Introduction of Youth Hosts	Assemblyman Keith Wright, 70 <sup>th</sup> AD Host – Melvin Johnson, <i>Harlem Live</i>
Performance	Impact Repertory Theatre
Presentation	The Importance of Voting Assemblyman Keith L.T. Wright Joseph Haslip, <i>District Leader</i> Marilyn Joseph, <i>District Leader</i> Melodie Crowell, <i>AIP</i>
Video Presentation	"Harlem Youth Speak" Produced by Harlem Live
Keynote Address	Reverend Alfonso Wyatt Fund for the City of New York
<i>Afternoon</i>	
Workshop Sessions	<i>Criminal Justice, Health, Education I, Education II, Technology, Employment Opportunities</i>
Lunch Break	
Speak-Out Session	Youth Participants
Special Invited Guests	Various Artists
Movie Screening	Magic Johnson Theatres

## Thanks

### Friends

Mignonne Jones, Assemblyman Keith Wright*
Peggy Ruffin*
Jennifer Sherard, High School of Leadership and Public Service*
Woody Pascal, State Senator David A. Paterson*
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Krispy Kreme Donuts*
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Black Enterprise for Teens
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WWRL 1600 AM
WBLS 107.5 FM



## New York State Assembly



October 1999

Dear Reader:

It is my pleasure to have been helpful with the reproduction of this wonderful resource book, aptly named "*The Guide*." I do not believe you will find a more complete or inclusive document that lists services and programs, in the Northern Manhattan area, for youth.

Special thanks to the Adolescent Initiative Project for their foresight in creating this book as well as their inclusion of young people in its design and production. I would also like to thank the Living Consortium for its efforts in reproducing this book as well as Local 1199 in lending a tremendous hand in reprinting *The Guide*.

I have come to learn that the most powerful thing that exists, as we approach the 21st Century, is information. As society becomes more immersed in the information age the only way to limit oneself is by not seeking knowledge or not having access. The purpose of *The Guide* is to provide information and access to an array of programs and services that hopefully will make day-to-day life easier to deal with.

This is not the first or the last printing of *The Guide*. As we find out more about youth needs and concerns *the Guide* will be updated. Also, as I mentioned before, *the Guide* was created in collaboration with young people calling the 'shots.' I trust that you will find this book useful and I hope you will not only use it but share it with others. This is a book that everyone can use; young and old.

Don't let good information slip by you.

Sincerely,

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Keith L. T. Wright  
Member of Assembly - 70th District



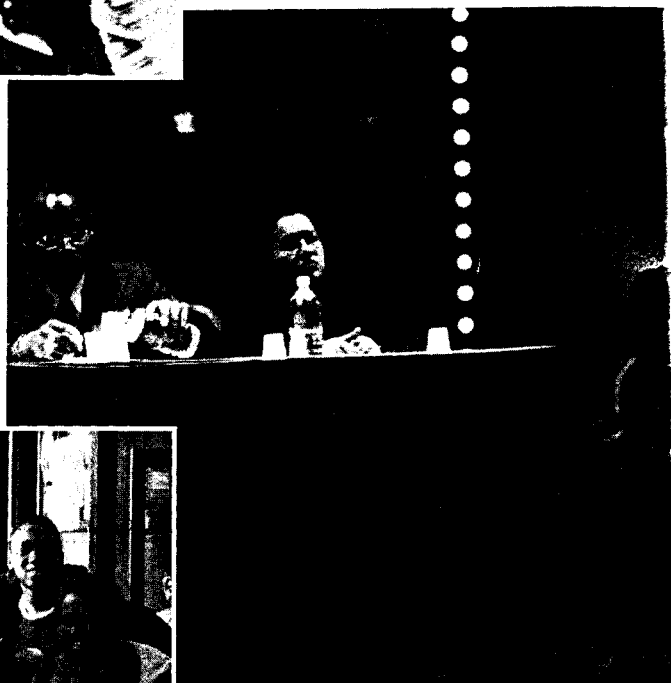


*Assemblyman Wright talking with youth  
conference participants outside, on line,  
at the Apollo Theatre.*

*Assemblyman Wright and Harlem  
youth conference participants giving the  
'thumbs-up' outside the Apollo.*



*Rheedlen PeaceMaker, A  
making a point*



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(Left to Right) - Co  
Amsterdam News Editor Elinor T  
New York Urban League Dennis  
Mr. Jim Capel - representi  
and Imam Talib*



*Taneisha Greenidge (on the mike) addresses the conference.*



*Youth Conference organizer, Taneisha Greenidge, addresses the panel and her peers.*



*Youth Conference moderators, Tujuan Garner, Jasmine Brito, and MTV's Road Rage's Ayanna Mackins.*



*Panel guests Councilman Perkins, President and CEO of the Valcote, Assemblyman Wright, and Congressman Rangel Abdul-Rashid.*



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# NATIONAL NETWORK FOR YOUTH

## CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP

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OCTOBER 1999 - SEPTEMBER 2000



Ensuring that young people can be safe and  
lead safe, healthy and productive lives.

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Deni Murstein

Chair, National Council on Youth Policy



## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

### VALUING YOUTH

*We believe advocates for youth have an obligation to educate and encourage policymakers to be active in acknowledging, protecting and enhancing the value of youth to the nation.*

### EMPOWERING YOUTH

*We believe young people must be seen as full-fledged citizens of our world. Youth empowerment, the act of bringing out natural talents and energies of youth, is effective when youth join in partnerships with adults. Youth can increase individual self-worth and skills and help build essential social services, while having a significant impact on services to communities, states and the nation.*

*Youth should be active participants in decisions affecting their lives, including their living situations. Further, the involvement of young people in the planning and implementation of services and in mobilizing community support for programs that affect their lives and those of their families is essential to their individual development and the success of the programs working with them.*

### STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

*We believe families are the foundation of our youth and society. Further, youth thrive when positive change is affected in the family context. The primary function of the family, at minimum, is to protect, nurture and educate children. Often, for many reasons, families are challenged in this role. We then, must acknowledge and build on existing family strengths, with the primary objective of unifying families. We recognize that a family environment is the most appropriate setting for youth.*

### PROMOTING HEALTHY ALTERNATIVES

*We believe in healthy, positive alternatives for all youth. We believe young people can and will make informed choices concerning their own health and futures.*

*We believe voluntary, community-based, youth-involved services can help youth adopt healthy, positive alternatives. These services should allow for adult guidance and support, esteem-building activities, assistance in building personal decision-making skills and freedom of choice.*

### SUPPORTING DIVERSITY

*We believe each person is unique and important. We value, encourage and celebrate the diversity of individuals of each race, age, sex, ethnicity, culture, sexual orientation, physical ability and family background.*

*We believe youth are entitled to receive services that recognize and are based on cultural strengths and differences. Organizational procedures, as well as public policies, must reflect positive efforts to promote the equality of all people, including youth. Existing civil rights and affirmative action legislation must be vigorously enforced. Programs serving youth and their families should accommodate differences and encourage access to services and participation by lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth as well as racial, ethnic and cultural minorities.*

### ENCOURAGING COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

*We believe local communities are most aware of the problems and needs of youth in their area. Consequently, communities need to be the creators and partners in the development of innovative youth services.*

*Partnerships between the public, private and nonprofit sectors need to strive to create innovative community resources that ensure essential needs are met for individual programs and other community endeavors. Volunteerism needs to be encouraged, valued and recognized.*

### NETWORKING

*We believe quality services for youth nationally, regionally and locally —*



THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**  
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN

**C. VIRGINIA FIELDS**  
BOROUGH PRESIDENT

March 31, 2000

Ms. Shanee Smith  
38 West 130th Street  
New York, NY 10037

Dear Ms. Smith:

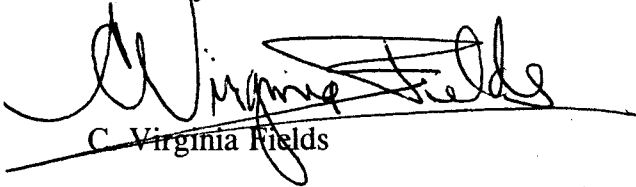
Congratulations! You are hereby appointed as a member of Community Board 10. Be advised that your term will expire on March 31, 2002.

Your interest in serving your community is very much appreciated. Community Board members make invaluable contributions to their respective neighborhoods and I work closely with all Manhattan Community Boards to improve the quality of life for our visitors and residents alike. I need to stress that attendance at both full board and committee meetings is essential to ensure that the Board is able to accomplish its work and use everyone's time efficiently. Board members have a great responsibility and should your schedule not permit consistent attendance at these meetings, you may need to reconsider your ability to serve on the Board.

My office will be contacting you regarding the mandatory orientation for new members. You may also wish to contact the Board office directly for more information at (212) 749-3105.

I am confident that you will find your experience as a Community Board member both challenging and rewarding and I look forward to working with you in the coming years.

Sincerely,



C. Virginia Fields

cc: Community Board 10



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July 31, 2000

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*Borough President*

STANLEY N. GLEATON  
*Chairman*  
Ms. Shanee Smith  
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RICHARD HARLEY  
*District Manager*  
Dear Ms. Smith:

E. RONALD GUY  
*First Vice Chair*

DAWN JONES  
*Assistant Secretary*

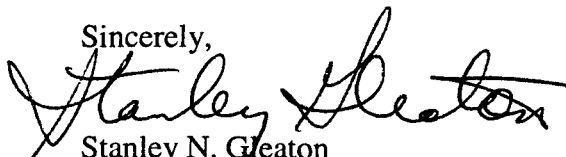
AZEEZA HURSTON  
*Treasurer*

Congratulations on your committee reappointments here at Community Board 10. I am looking forward to a productive year and working with you as we strive to improve the quality of life for the residents of Central Harlem. In accordance with your committee preferences and the board's needs, your committee assignments for the coming year are as follows:

1. Economic Development/ Technology Committee
2. Youth Services Committee

These committees will benefit from your expertise, experience and energy. As always, I and the board staff will always be available to assist you and your committees throughout the year.

Sincerely,

  
Stanley N. Gleaton  
Chairman

...with my son Abdul ...

*"I'm glad I know somebody that's not family but will look out for me just as much."*

C.J., Project Participant

*"Men who have been out in the wilderness are serving their communities by reaching our youth and telling them the wilderness ain't for them. There's nothing out there but pain, suffering and incarceration. Who better to relate that than someone who's been there and done that?"*

Darren Ferguson, Facilitator

*"As an African-American, entrepreneur and attorney who has resided in the Village of Harlem for the past forty years, I have a profound, heartfelt interest in our young people. The Youth Intervention Project represents ministry to the marginalized whose goal is to restore youth at risk as vital and important members of our Community."*

Honorable Percy Sutton

*"The Youth Intervention Project reminds us that we are our brothers, our sisters, and especially, our children's keepers. Our lives are interrelated and inextricably connected to our youth. If our youth are at risk, then we are all at risk! Our collective challenge is to empower those youth who are at risk to become youth transformed. This project can help our youth to reach their fullest potential as God's creation."*

Dr. Westina Matthews Shatteen  
Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.

*"Many of the youth of our cities are treated as disposable people. The Youth Intervention Project works to affirm the dignity and worth of each child of God and to assist them in the realization of their gifts and potential."*

Dr. T. Richard Snyder, President of the  
Board of Directors, The Fund for Community  
Initiatives and Academic Dean,  
New York Theological Seminary

*"The Youth Intervention Project embodies the sacred task of healing and of restoring faith and hope in the fact that people really do care."*

Dr. Rebeca M. Radillo, Blanton-Peale Institute

## **U<sup>th</sup> TURN** A Youth Intervention Project

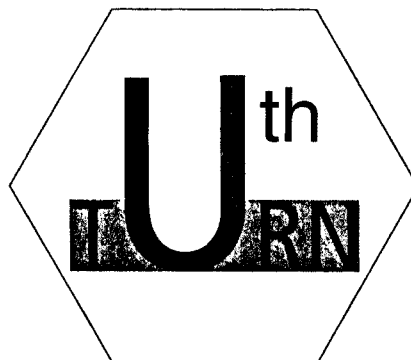
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*"The Youth Intervention Project is reshaping the very understanding of youth ministry for churches in at-risk neighborhoods, as well as the way theological students are taught to think about ministries to youth for generations to come."*

M. William Howard  
President, New York Theological Seminary

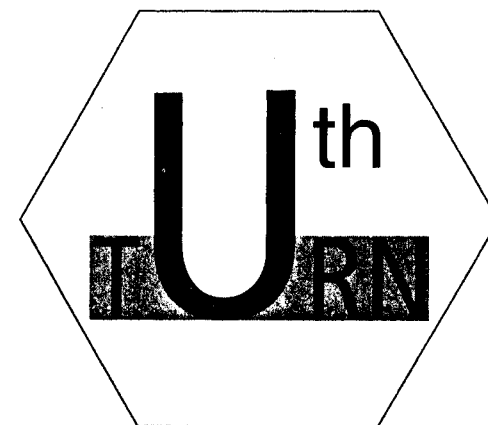
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### **Local Facilitator:**

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## **U<sup>th</sup> TURN** A Youth Intervention Project



**...a partnership of  
faith communities  
government  
ex-offenders  
business  
and the  
city's youth**

*"The Youth Intervention Project is an excellent example of how the state government and community based organizations, including churches, can cooperate to ensure that our most vulnerable children...grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and humanity."*

Rev. Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III  
The Abyssinian Baptist Church

*"The Intervention Project draws strength from the diversity of cultures and religious factions which have come together to assist the young people of our city. They must succeed, otherwise we will all have failed."*

Peter Rubinstein, Senior Rabbi  
Central Synagogue

## **Project**

"Without vision, the people will perish."  
Proverbs 29:18

Begun in 1998, the Project places specially trained ex-offenders in community-based locations in some of New York City's most troubled neighborhoods.

The ex-offender is the point person of a multi-faceted, Interdisciplinary Resource Team whose goal is to intervene in the lives of young people at risk of incarceration or death.

The Youth Intervention Project is funded through the Fund for Community Initiatives at NYTS. A 501(c)(3), not-for-profit application is pending.

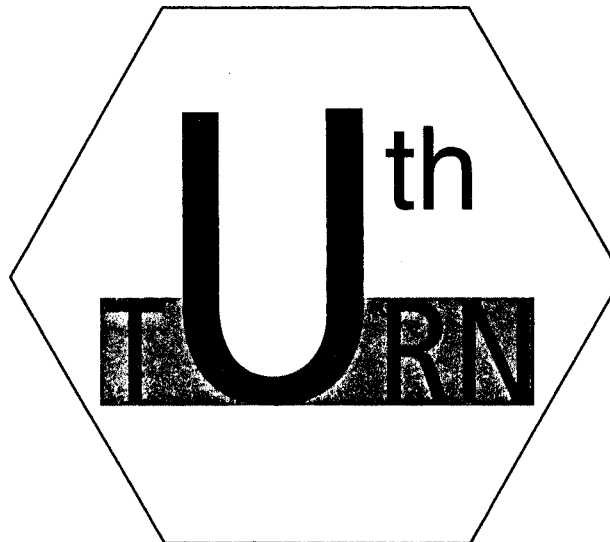
**Faith-Based Initiative:** Religious congregations have long been the backbone of local communities, rendering help and support, rallying local resources and leaders, serving the social and physical needs of their communities.

Until recently, government and many foundations were reluctant to draw upon the assets of religious institutions. However, social scientists such as John Dilulio have observed that "the presence of religious institutions has a significant positive role to play in reducing the frequency of crime, delinquency, substance abuse, and other social ills..."

This initiative is an example of this new way of thinking, blending government, foundation and church resources to address one of the critical issues of our time: the future of youth who are at risk of violence, incarceration and early death.

## **Resource Team**

- Facilitators: Graduates of New York Theological Seminary's Master's in Professional studies at Sing Sing Correctional Facility
- The Initiative at New York Theological Seminary's capacity for project management and institutional leadership
- Local Communities of Faith providing neighborhood location, local leadership and mobilization of congregational resources
- Graduate Student Interns doing field placement at project sites
- Community Resources
  - social and family services
  - substance abuse support
  - educational resources
  - family dynamics counseling
  - health programs
  - State and Local Government
- Amer-I-Can the intervention curriculum developed for use with gang members, inmates and youth at risk



## **The Program**

Facilitators, trained in intervention techniques engage youth in the streets, on the basketball court or receive them as referrals from agencies, school guidance personnel, the police and counselors.

The Intervention Project emphasizes attitudinal change at the front-end and follows with a concentrated package of support services. Key to these is personal mentoring provided by Intervention Project personnel and volunteers recruited from churches and other sources.

### **Our Objectives**

- **Intervention**
  - with youth and their families
  - changing negative attitudes
  - addressing social problems
- **Educational Preparedness**
  - finishing High School
  - starting College
- **Job Readiness**
  - skill & self-confidence building
  - employability

### **Intended Outcomes**

#### **Improve Self Image**

#### **Improve**

- School Attendance 40%
- School Performance 30%
- College Entrance 20%
- Increase Employment Rate 50%

#### **Reduce**

- Juvenile Justice Contacts 50%

#### **Continue the positive cycle**



Michael Davis







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## IN THE WORKS: CITY COLLABORATING ON WHOPPING \$48 MILLION YOUTH OPPORTUNITY GRANT

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The New York City Department of Employment (DOE), in collaboration with more than 50 partners (so far) representing a full range of public and private organizations, is in the process of developing a 5-year, \$48 million *Youth Opportunity Grant* to be submitted to the US Department of Labor on September 30.

The vision of the *Youth Opportunity Grant* Program is to "assist 14 to 21 years old, particularly those out of school, to acquire the necessary academic, technical, and workplace skills and work experience to successfully transition into adulthood, careers, and further education and training." The Department of Labor envisions a "youth movement" that involves partnerships with government agencies, schools, businesses, post-secondary institutions, community based organizations, faith-based organizations, and private foundations. As the lead agency, DOE is spearheading the collaborative development of one (or more) Youth Opportunity Center(s) that will serve youth, as suggested by the US Department of Labor, in the Empowerment Zone in Upper Manhattan and the Bronx.

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## City Collaborating on \$48 Million Youth Grant

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The success or failure of the City's proposal may rest on two key elements stressed over and over in the application. First, we will have to demonstrate sweeping collaborative program planning that includes all sectors of the City. It will be of no use to overload the grant with repetitive letters of support from organizations that praise the program but had no part in designing it. Secondly, unlike other grants, this one requires the partners to contribute funding or other resources to components of the Youth Opportunity program that are not paid for through the grant. In other words, if one-to-one tutoring or counseling for high school students to reduce the drop out rate will be paid for by grant funds, additional activities in elementary and junior high

school to increase the chances that younger children will stay in school should be

**Sweeping collaboration among all sectors, as well as commitment of new resources and services, are required for a successful application**

funded through other Federal, State, City, or private dollars.

So far, there are about 50 groups—including 10 City agencies, the Board of Education, foundations, community

organizations, libraries, universities, and others—represented on the six Youth Opportunity program planning teams that have been created to address each section of the application. Town Hall forums and focus groups throughout the Empowerment Zone will reach out to additional participants.

If you are interested in participating in the development of the Youth Opportunity grant proposal, please suggest specific partners who we have not yet contacted, please call Cheryl Lyndrup at the Mayor's Office of Grants Administration, (212) 788-2942 or [clyndrup@cityhall.ci.nyc.ny.us](mailto:clyndrup@cityhall.ci.nyc.ny.us) or May Chin at the Department of Employment, (212) 442-2232; [mchin@doelan.ci.nyc.ny.us](mailto:mchin@doelan.ci.nyc.ny.us).

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