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SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY ORGANIZING TODAY!

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Philosophy and Values

- Create a positive experience of the community
- Build respect for community members of different generations, cultures, and backgrounds
- Enhance ownership of community assets and challenges
- Strengthen interpersonal skills for business, community, and school leadership
- Forge new networks between local business and community leaders
- Develop groundwork for new community partnerships with existing non-profits

Your Community's Assets



So HOW do we partner with the community to succeed?

Empower and connect community leaders as we help:

1. Assess THEIR needs
2. Provide RELEVANT, effective training
3. APPLY skills to a powerful COMMUNITY PROJECT that makes a difference
4. Build STRONG PARTNERSHIPS.
5. Enhance long-term community NETWORKS and collaboration

Assess Their Needs

- ▶ Conduct community focus groups and pilot programs
- ▶ Talk with and connect leaders across the community
- ▶ Assess individual leadership capacities and cultural diversity
- ▶ Generate and support participant-led projects



Provide Relevant, Effective Training:

Four or five sessions of Fun, Learning, Friendship, and Impact!

1. Get to know one another and create a community vision to inspire projects.
2. Learn and apply project management skills.
3. Explore available resources. Practice effective communication and team building skills.
4. Practice presentation skills with project accomplishments



Apply Skills to a Powerful Project

- ▶ Connect project topic to community vision
- ▶ Use project management skills
- ▶ Work as a team to reach goals
- ▶ Present tangible results at celebration banquet
- ▶ Continue implementation of project for community change



Build Strong Partnerships

Strengthen relationships and networks

- ▶ Classmates of different ages and backgrounds—yearbook!
- ▶ Program alumni serve on JWPC Board
- ▶ Community and business leaders as speakers and resources
- ▶ Local officials introductions
- ▶ Potential funders



Enhance communication, network, and collaboration skills

- ▶ Elected city, county, and state officials
- ▶ Law enforcement
- ▶ Local government officials
- ▶ Housing Authorities and CRA leaders
- ▶ Nonprofits, CDCs, NeighborWorks
- ▶ Faith-based groups
- ▶ Educational entities
- ▶ Youth organizations



From Idea to Action!

- ▶ Wimauma Community Health Fair
- ▶ “Putting Neighbor Back in the ‘Hood”
- ▶ Beautification of Youth Center by Youth
- ▶ Community narratives in booklet, “Your Shoes, My Story”
- ▶ Haitian Dance Troupe (non-profit organization now)
- ▶ Teen Green Project (received Beautification Grant)

Wimauma Miracles!



Putting Neighbor back in the 'Hood! Child's Park, St. Petersburg

**Partner:
City of
St. Petersburg**



**Neighborhood Re-union
December 10th 2011**

**4101 13th Ave South
St. Petersburg, FL 33711**

**Celebrating the Holidays Together and
Putting Neighbor back in the Hood!**

Brothers, Sisters, Friends, Family, Neighbors and Supporters,

The Childs Park Grassroots Leadership Team and City of St. Petersburg Neighborhood Partnership Department would like to cordially invite you to celebrate the holidays and join us as we begin to "Put Neighbor back in the Hood!" We will have food, fun, games, music, and plenty of activities for the ENTIRE FAMILY so don't leave ANYONE at home! Momma, Daddy, Grandma, Grandpa, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, school mates, Facebook Friends... EVERYBODY, meet us at Childs Park for the Neighborhood Re-Union!!!!

**Saturday, December 10, 2011
10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

For more information, to get involved or find out how you can help, contact

Bro. John Muhammad	(727) 492-4776	General Info/Outreach
		Special Invited Guest

**WEBSITE COMING SOON!!!
www.MyChildsPark.com**



Dream, Play, Learn, Implement!



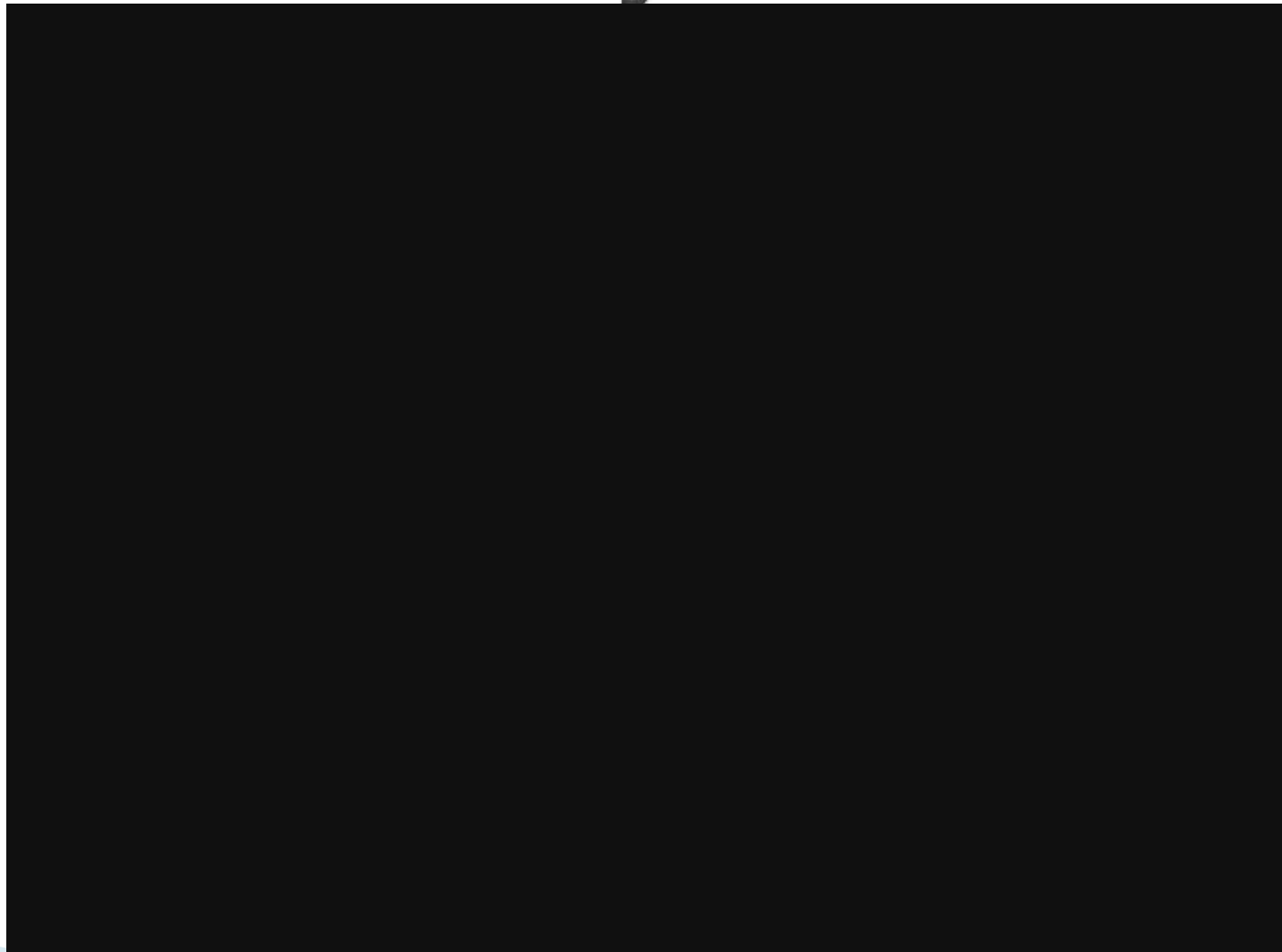
Your Shoes, My Story: University Area CDC, Tampa



Haitian Dance Troupe--Judith



Teen Green Project--Antonio



Jerome Ryan, President, Tampa Housing Authority





Thank you for all you do!

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