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From The Editor

The **Nelson Resource Center** is excited to announce the first release of our **Community Outreach Newsletter**. The goal of this publication is to *Communicate*, *Educate*, and *Motivate* our community. Our society is plagued with a wealth of issues, many of them that get overlooked. Our children are part of a system where many still do not know how to read and write, and they are graduating unprepared for life after High School. Parents want to help but are not in a position to provide their children with strong support systems.

Building awareness of these issues is the first step in attempting to find resolutions. Healing begins with family and education, and thats where our organization steps in. We have been working to provide programs for families and youth that not only help bring the community together, but to also equip them with the tools they need for positive growth and development. Our team is proud to be dedicated towards these efforts and with continued community support, we will continue working to serve the people.

Johnny L. Nelson, Executive Director

About Our Organization

The **Nelson Community Resource Center** is a local community and educational outreach foundation working to serve the growing needs of the Lauderdale County community. We are a 501c3 organization operating with a mission to help strengthen the community by supporting events that bring families & the community together and to develop programs that help to improve literacy, education, and career training.

Within the past few years, our organization has grown to make an impact on the youth in Lauderdale County through our **Summer Enrichment Camp** and **After School** programs. We are currently working to implement Adult Basic Education and Family Literacy programs to assist with career support and development. This year's Summer Enrichment Camp will feature our new **"STEM Into Literacy"** theme, a program designed to motivate students to improve reading skills by allow them to explore science, engineering, and technology concepts.

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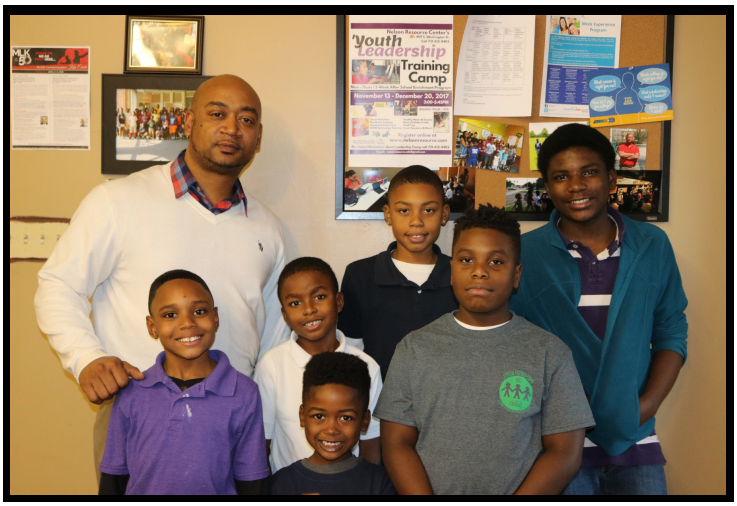
Impacting The Community Through Youth Programs



Opening its doors in the Summer of 2011, the **Nelson Community Resource Center** is becoming the premier organization for **educational outreach** in Lauderdale County. "*We want to build leaders in our community who are prepared for success*". The community based non-profit has developed **literacy camps** and **leadership programs** that have given inner-city kids the skills needed to be resilient in a tough world. The organization is staying "on the move" as it continues to expand its core services.

Sugar & Spice Social Event Builds Sisterhood in Lauderdale County

On Saturday, December 16, 2017, **Platinum Pearls S.C.** hosted their second **Sugar & Spice Social** at Lafayette Manor. The event encourages women to come together to discuss issues that they may be experiencing and lets them know that they are not going through life's battles alone.
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Summer Fun Motivates Youth

The Nelson Resource Center sponsors several programs geared toward improving social and academic skills for youth in Lauderdale County (Continue on p.3)

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Community Partnerships

Renea Satterwhite from the **Lauderdale County Health Department** speaks to students in the NRC Youth Leadership Camp about the negative effects of drugs and tobacco.

Lawrence Andrews, founder of the **Lauderdale County Anti-Drug Coalition,** explains "Your Attitude, Determines Your Altitude". Andrews put emphasis on the analogy that "Eagles soar with other Eagles. So are you an Eagle..or a chicken?"

Lagenia Jones, Summer Enrichment Camp Director, trains High School camp volunteers on literacy sessions. The **Youth Leadership Team** members were provided training on how to choose and review *sight words* for their assigned youth groups.

More Volunteers Needed 731-612-9402

Our community partners help keep our programs growing. We are truly grateful for the many individuals who support our cause and volunteer their time at the Nelson Community Resource Center.

Make A Difference In Your Community

If you would like to volunteer your time with one of our youth programs give us a call at **731-612-9402** or send an e-mail to **nelsonresource.edu@gmail.com**

Support Through Donating

We appreciate the support that we have received to continue our programs. To make a donation towards our Youth Leadership Camp or Summer Enrich meant Camp mail payments to:

Nelson Community Resource Center
469 S. Washington St.
Ripley, TN 38063

Youth Programs That Work

Summer Enrichment is very important for children of all ages. During the Summer months kids are usually affected by the "Summer Slide" effect. Because school is out, they tend to forget much of the material that they learned the previous school year. Our **Summer Enrichment Camp** program serves as a means to offset this process.

We not only provide our students with reading practice and TCAP based interventions, but we also provide them with meaningful activities and field trips to bring learning to life.

The **Pink Palace Museum** and **Memphis Zoo** are frequent places that we visit to give kids the opportunity to get 'hands on' experience with science and history.

Summer Enrichment Camp is also a great program for students to become engaged in **physical** and **social** activities. We host several softball, basketball, and volleyball competitions during Camp.

Camp is also a great time for students to bond and **make new friends**. Our teen leaders become big brothers and sisters to our younger camp participants.

Community Happenings

Sugar & Spice Builds Sisterhood

Several guest speakers attended, including **Andrea Bond-Johnson**, candidate for State Representative 82nd District, who spoke on Breast Cancer Awareness, **County Commissioner Kaye Jordan**, **Crystal Johnson**, & **Paulette Moore-Barbee**. These ladies shared their struggles while enjoying an evening of fellowship with other all who attended. A new **Co-Ed** edition will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at the Ripley FOP Building. Visit **www.nrcnewsnetwork.com** for more information and exclusive event footage.

Church Services

Upper Salem Baptist Church - Revival
April 10-12, 2018 | 7PM

Elam Baptist Church - Spring Revival | 7PM
Tuesday, April 17, 2018 | Pastor Thomas Bester
Wednesday, April 18, 2018 | Pastor Clarence Bays
Thursday, April 19, 2018 | Pastor Walter Evans

Alex Haley Museum's-Authors & Writers Day
Saturday, April 28, 2018 @ The Museum | 1-3:30PM

Fish's Wing Shack

326 Washington St. | Ripley, TN 38063 | 731-635-0528

7560 US 51 | Henning, TN 38041 | 731-635-0528

Tessa's Treats & Baskets

731-612-2711

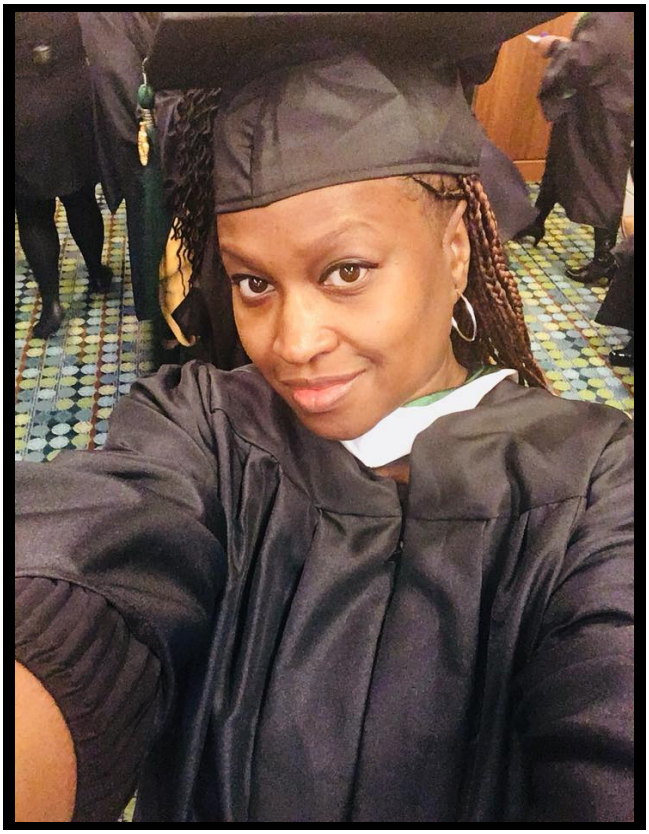
Holiday Gift Baskets
Mother's Day Gift Sets
Birthday Gift Sets & More!

College Network

Congratulations!

"Its Never Too Late For A New Beginning"

We want to say Congratulations to our recent College Graduates!



Latonia Bailey

Masters of Art in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

December 2017 Graduate | 3.9 GPA

Recipient of the **2017 School Leadership Award**

Argosy University Nashville, TN

Erica Sharell Snipes

Masters of Arts in Education

December 2017 Graduate

UT Martin

After School TUTORING

The **Nelson Community Resource Center** is an official location for **community service hours** for school scholarships.

If you or someone you know needs service hours contact us at **731-612-9402** or send an e-mail to **nelsonresource.edu@gmail.com**.

PEER TUTORING

College Network

"Its Never Too Late For A New Beginning"

TENNESSEE Reconnect

If you are would like to start your school career, you now have options for making your dream a reality. With the new **TN Reconnect Program**, people of all ages may now qualify to go to school Tuition Free. (Visit **www.tnreconnect.gov** for more information.)

TN Promise | Student Checklist

☐ BY NOV 1, 2017	Apply to the Tennessee Promise scholarship program. A local partnering organization will contact you to help you complete your requirements.
☐ BY JAN 16, 2018	File the 2018-2019 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on www.fafsa.gov.
☐ FALL/SPRING	Attend a mandatory meeting coordinated by your assigned partnering organization. Additional details will be sent in the future regarding these meetings. Find your meeting date by high school
☐ SPRING	Apply to a community or technical college.
☐ BY JULY 1, 2018	Complete and report your first 8 hours of community service.
☐ DURING FALL	If selected, provide requested documentation to complete FAFSA verification.

Note: TN Promise has extended the FASFA deadline to January 26, 2018

Be sure to review the Student Checklist to keep up with the application deadlines for the TN Promise Scholarship.

Deadlines are approaching fast. You do not want to miss out on this opportunity Free Money towards College tuition.

TN Promise pays tuition for the first assists with tuition at **Community College** or **Technical College** in Tennessee.

Tennessee Promise participants must complete and submit eight **(8) hours** of community service per term enrolled, as ell as maintain satisfactory academic progress **(2.0 GPA).**

TENNESSEE Promise

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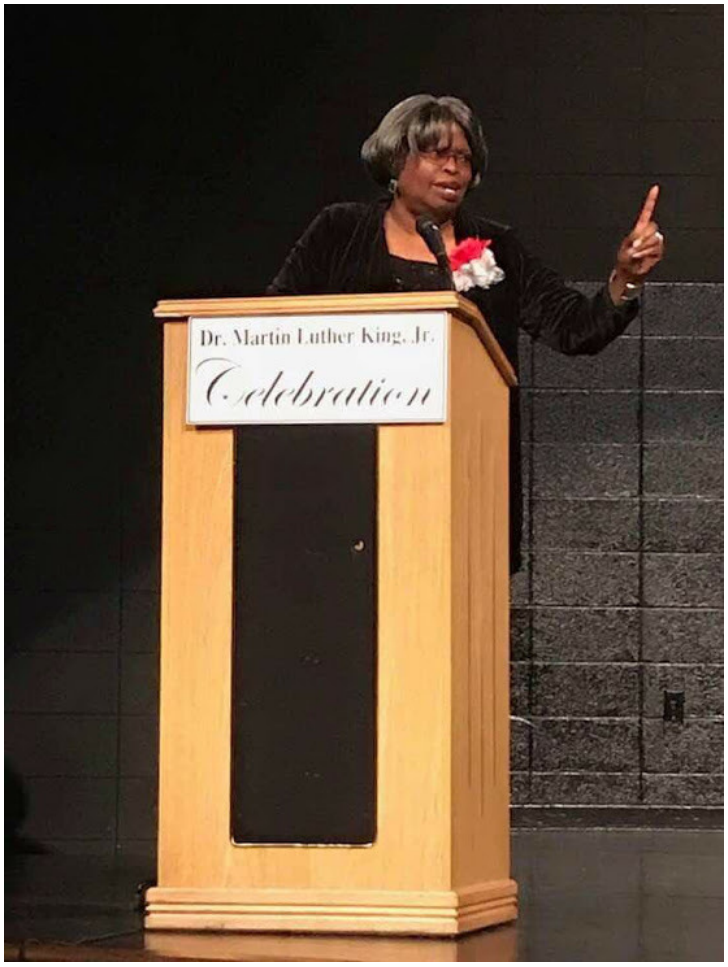
Eracism II: How To Talk About Race In The Community

IOn January 15, 2018 the Eracism Think Tank sponsored their annual MLK Celebration at Ripley High School with a theme of "How To Talk About Race In Our Community". Special guest speakers included Rev. Jim Peyton, Dr. Ellena Gooch Reid (pictured below), and Rev. Thomas Bester. Each speaker discussed the importance of eliminating prejudices and being able to understand each other's differences.



"Thinking about writing, or becoming published? Come and hear local essay writing contestants read their entries, then visit with local and regional authors."

Alex Haley Museum's
Annual Author's & Writers Day
Saturday, April 28, 2018 @1PM
Location: The Alex Haley Museum
535 Haley Avenue
Henning, Tn 38041

535 Haley Avenue
Henning, TN 38041
(731) 738-2240

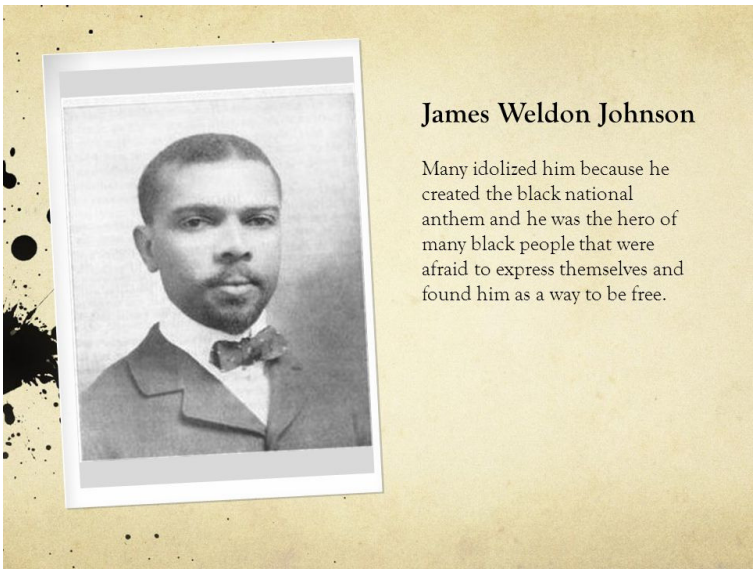
Visiting Hours
Tues. - Sat. 10:00AM - 5:00PM
Last tour begins at 3:30PM

Sundays
By Appointment
(Groups of 15+)

James Weldon Johnson (1871 - 1938)

In the midst of the protests of the National Anthem, many have forgotten the legacy of a once familiar tune birthed from a poem written in 1901 by literary pioneer James Weldon Johnson titled **"Lift Every Voice & Sing"**.

An integral piece of Black patriotism, the poem quickly became the official **Negro National Anthem,** representing the fight for freedom for many African Americans during that time and embodying the struggles from that fight.



'Lift Every Voice & Sing'

1st Verse

Lift every voice and sing,
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

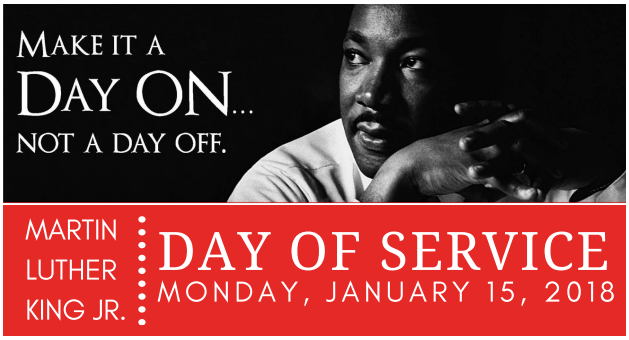
Timeline of History

- June 17, 1871 - James Weldon Johnson was born
- 1897 - 1st African American to pass the Florida bar exam
- 1901 - Wrote "*Lift Every Voice & Sing*", became Negro National Anthem
- 1904 - Joined the color Republican Club as Treasurer
- 1910 - Married Grace Nail
- 1916 - Became Secretary for NAACP
- 1920 - Became the 1st African American to have a prestigious position for the NAACP
- 1930 - Resigned from the NAACP, accepted Chair of Creative Literature at Fisk University in Nashville
- June 26, 1938 - Died by a car accident

MLK Day To Be A Day Of Service

While speaking at a memorial service in honor of his uncle Dr. Martin Luther Kings, Jr, **Isaac Newton Farris, Jr.**, Dr. King's nephew, reminded the crowd that the **Annual MLK Holiday** is to be **a day of service for America**. "It is to be a Day On.., and not a Day Off", Farris spoke while addressing those attending the *MLK Day Proclamation*.

Honoring Dr. King's Legacy
MLK50



MLK Day Celebration

Find the words in the word search that are associated with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his Civil Rights work.

Assassination
Black Americans
Brotherhood
Change
Civil Rights
Equal Rights
Freedom
I Have A Dream
Integration
Justice
Martin Luther King
Nobel Peace Prize
NonViolence
Peace
Segregation

R	J	K	A	A	C	N	O	I	T	A	R	G	E	T	N	I
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Q	S	I	H	A	V	E	A	D	R	E	A	M	C	R	C	Z
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Mental Health Awareness

According to the **American Psychological Association** (2018), "the unique psyco-social and contextual factors, specifically the common and pervasive exposure to racism and discrimination, creates an **additional daily stressor for African-Americans**".

Depression Is Real

Many people tend to believe that depression only hits certain people, but what most people don't realize is that depression runs deep in the Black community as well.

Mental Illness is a serious condition that can have a drastic impact on a person's thoughts, feelings, and ability to function. If left untreated, it can lead to negative behaviors like substance abuse or thoughts of suicide.

If you or a loved one are having thoughts of suicide, reach out immediately to the **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline** or local **Professional Care Services** (PCS).

Information for these service providers are provided below:

According to the **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health:**

- Adult blacks area 20% more likely to report serious psychological distress than adult whites.
- Adult blacks living below poverty are 2 to 3 times more likely to report serious psychological distress than those living above poverty.
- Adult blacks are more likely to have feelings of **sadness**, **hopelessness**, and **worthlessness** than are adult whites.

Suicide Hotline
Phone: (800) 273-TALK (8255)
www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org

Professional Care Services (PCS)
403 Commerce St.
(731) 635-3968

Owner/Lisa Harding

731-207-0416

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12 Hour Session Only $75

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Email: lharding10@att.net

Representatives from Lauderdale County Branch NAACP participated in the MLK50 Celebration in Memphis, TN. Pictured are Lauderdale County Commissioner Tommy Sanders and Lauderdale County Chapter NAACP president Cyronose Spicer along with their wives Donna Sanders and Cathi Spicer. Also pictured is Jaden Spicer.

The group marched with others from around the world in remembrance of the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. They also provided a LIVE feed to share their experience with those who did not get a chance to attend.

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Sha'Nae & Rhonda

"Girl....are you going to put Deante in that **After School Tutoring Program** in July?"

-**Sha'Nae**-

"I don't know girl....you know I need to get this **hair** and these **nails** done you know."

-**Rhonda**-

"I know girl.....but our kids **DO** need to learn how to **read** and **write** better. Im afraid they won't be able to find a **good job** in in the future right?."

-**Sha'Nae**-

"You're right girl...maybe I do need to check into the **Summer Enrichment Camp**. I want my kids to be **successful** too!

-**Rhonda**-

"Our kids have fallen so far behind in **Reading & Literacy skills**. It is up to us as **parents** to **invest** in our children's education...even if means making a small payment towards a **Literacy Program.**

For more information call **731-612-9402** or visit **nelsonresource.com**.

After School Tutoring Application

After School Tutoring will be held at the **Nelson Community Resource Center** from on Wednesdays and Thursdays. The cost of Camp is **$20** per week. Students meet After School from 3 - 5:45pm **Tuesday - Thursdays**. Daily snack and homework help is provided.

Student Information

Child's Name_____ Child's Birth Date_____ . Age_____

Grade (Entering 2017 - 2018)_____ Male_____ Female_____

School (Upcoming school year) _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Name_____ Name_____

Address_____ Address_____

Relationship _____ Relationship _____

DOB_____ DOB_____

Phone #1_____ Phone #1_____

Phone #2_____ Phone #2_____

Work_____ Work_____

Transportation

If your child needs to ride the bus to the Center after school, be sure to contact the school office. The address to the Center is **469 S. Washington St., Ripley, TN 38063.**

Disciplinary Policy

The 2017-2018 Youth Leadership Camp will follow a progressive form of discipline as outlined below, when deemed appropriate:

1) Written or Verbal Warning: Staff will discuss with the parent/guardian the undesirable conduct and why the action is not appropriate. If the action continues, a meeting will be held with the parent to try and resolve the situation prior to suspension.
2) Suspension: Staff may temporarily ban a participant from a number of activities, games, practices, facility or programs. (The length of the suspension will be determined by the severity of the action).
3) Dismissal: If inappropriate behavior persists or the behavior completely disrupts a program, removal from the program, facility or activity may be necessary. **Refunds will not be given.

Photograph/Video Consent

_____I give permission for my child, _____, to be in photographs or videos for use on our website or other media sources.

Parent/Guardian Signature_____ Date_____

_____I do not give permission for my child, _____, to be in photographs or videos for use on our website or other media sources.

Parent/Guardian Signature_____ Date_____

Registration is also available online at **www.nelsonresource.com**.

Book Your Family Event

Nelson Resource Center
469 S. Washington St. | Ripley, TN

We currently rent our facilities for **family events** such as kid birthday parties (12 & under), baby showers, family reunions, & more. All revenue from facility rentals is used to support our **educational programs**.

Amenities

-Spacious Event Room
-PA/Sound System
-Tables/Chairs
-Full Kitchen w/Refrigerator, Stove, & Microwave
-Satellite TV Service & WiFi
-Spacious Parking Lot
-Spacious backyard secured by privacy fence
-2 Patio decks in the back with bbq grills
-Convenient location right off of the loop coming from Hwy 19 and 51

Rental Rates Starting at only $150 per day. Call 731-612-9402.

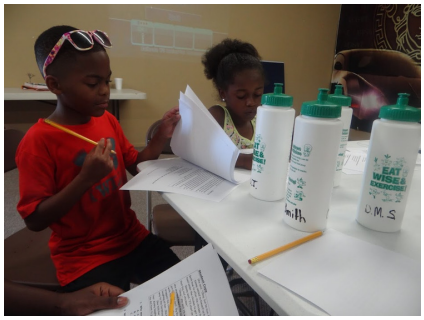
Special Recognition

There are so many people who I want to name in this section. I probably shouldn't be doing this because I know I'm going to leave someone out, but if I do please charge it to my head and not my heart!

First I want to give a special thanks to my mom, brother, and family who have always been in support of my ventures. They probably get tired of hearing about another new project but each one keeps getting better and better.

I want to thank my brothers who stood with me in physically building the Resource Center: doing construction work, renovations, building fences, decks, walls, painting, laying floors, you name it! But a special thanks to **Walter Cheney**, **Martin Crawley**, **Gentry Rogers**, **Charlie B**, **Adrian Haliburton**, and **Trey Wright** for hanging in there with me throughout these past few years. Thanks to my big brothers **Romel Andrews**, **Lawrence Andrews** & the Lauderdale County Anti-Drug Coalition, **Pastor Gary Andrews**, and **Pastor Iran Yarbrough** for believing in my dream, showing support in every way, and keeping me motivated even through hard times.

I would like to thank all of our program instructors over the past few years: **LaGenia Jones**, **Antinea Nicole Cherry**, **Kamisha Dixon**, and **Sheena Parker**, all of who are fellow educators right here in Lauderdale County (Mrs. Jones now in Franklin, TN). Other program volunteers **Tracye Braden**, **Cherronda Welch**, **Roy Morris**, **Wilma Coach**, **Dorisha Wright**, **Donald Wright**, **Windie McCadney**, **Jeanette Parker**, **Shana Payton**, and **Teri Bond**.



Special Recognition (Cont)

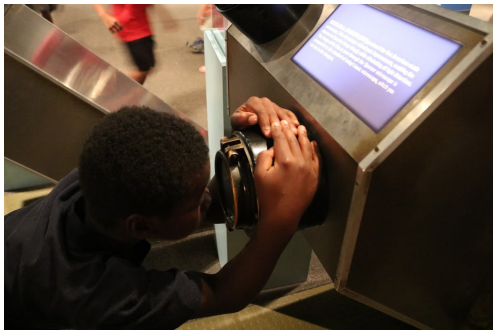
We've had a host of High School Volunteers who have served on various leadership teams: **KynaJ Taylor**, **Codi Stanley**, **Shaniya Stewart**, **Armiata Glass**, **Bri Alston**, **Rachel Lee**, **Latasha Kemp**, **Drewquan Adams**, **Brianna Smith**, & **Gabby Ben**. You all are truly appreciated!

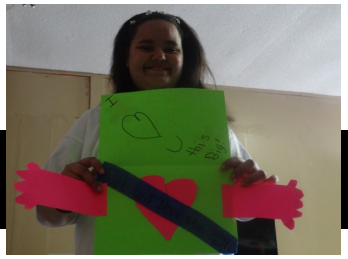
Thanks to those individuals who made contributions in support of our programs: **Ayishia Lowe, Courtney Thompson, Latonia Bailey, Patricia Henning, Debra Tyus, Jasmine Thigpen, Renea Satterwhite, Lisa Harding**, **Marva Temple**, **Nyrita Alston**, **Janice Tradway**, **Alonzo Beard, Contessa Thompson**, **Lenora Lee**, **Whitney Currie**, **Quinton Lee**, **Paula Boger**, **Tommy & Donna Sanders,** and to the many families who hosted your baby showers, birthday parties, reunions, retirement parties & more at our facility!

Thanks to **Platinum Pearls S. C. Ripley** for our trip sponsorships, **Stacy Manley** and **Lyndsey Turner** with the UT/TSU Extension Office, **Renea Satterwhite**, **Dewayne Dixon,** and the Lauderdale County Health Department, **Chief Donnell Baltimore** & the Ripley Police Department. **Richard Griffin**, **Kaye Jordan**, & the Alex Haley Museum for the food donation and Ripley Fire Department for allowing the kids to come and tour they facilities. Thanks to **Randy Danley** with Ripley Parks & Recs for help with promoting our 2017 Summer Enrichment Camp.

A special thanks goes out to our corporate donors & sponsors **Dollar General**, **Wal-Mart**, & **Right Decisions Right Now & American Snuff**. And last but not least, I want to send a HUGE thank you to my **Elam Baptist Church** family for many years of love and support.

We could not have done it without each of you!





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Ripley City Directory

Ripley Police Department
(731) 635-2422

City Hall
(731) 635-2422

Ripley Fire Department
(731) 635-2422

Lauderdale Post Office
(731) 635-2422

Ripley Power & Light
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