

CHRISTIANS INVOLVED TOGETHER WITH YOUTH

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REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we reflect on the reasons that C.I.T.Y. came into existence 17 years ago, we find that our youth continue to be challenged with the same issues that existed 17 years ago, but in most cases, have become compounded. Thus, we further commit ourselves to our mission of providing positive programs and activities to help our youth develop into positive and contributing members of our society.

At Christians Involved Together With Youth (C.I.T.Y.), we realize that the youth are our most precious natural resource and are in fact the key to the future of our families, our communities and our nation. As such we rededicated ourselves, and we have spent the past year working with our members to redefine who we are and what we must do to more fully meet the needs of the youth for which we serve.

This year has seen many major changes and accomplishments at C.I.T.Y. During 2005, we continued to refocus our programs and activities to provide more direct mentorship and increased scholarships and other educational support. We also increased our support of financially needy youth and families.

We are already implementing the goals we have set for the coming years. The goals that make up the cornerstone of our future efforts are:

- ◆ Increasing resources for our youth.
- ◆ Focusing on providing more one-on-one mentorship and positive role models.
- ◆ Increasing the number of youth that we support.
- ◆ Expanding our programs and activities.

C.I.T.Y. History

Christians Involved Together With Youth was started in 1989 by six men who were concerned about the rising rate of crime and drugs within our communities, and the negative impacts on the youth. These men believed in a power that no man could surpass. They believed in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and they believed that through Christ, they could make a positive difference in the lives of our youth.

They started by walking through the Georgetown South community, talking to the youth and adults. They demonstrated that Agape love that God continually shows us through his example. They provided positive role models for the youth and demonstrated that someone can in fact love them without making demands on them or plotting to do them harm. They started playing basketball with the youth and taking them to athletic and spiritual events. They developed relationships with the youth and provided positive role models for the youth to emulate.

Many of our youth are mired in hopelessness due to the conditions that they are living in. We strive to show them by our love and our example that there is reason for hope, and that hope is in trust and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. We strive to show them that “All things are possible through Jesus Christ”!!

Facts About C.I.T.Y.

C.I.T.Y. is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization based in Manassas, VA. The purpose of our organization is to provide spiritual, educational, social and recreational activities for the disadvantaged and At-Risk youth and young adults of the Greater Manassas and Prince William County areas. C.I.T.Y. was incorporated in 1989, received 501(c)(3) status in 1992 and was granted tax-exempt status in 1993.

C.I.T.Y. focuses on providing positive activities and role models for youth and young adults who are in at-risk situations. C.I.T.Y. provides programs and activities to meet the educational, social, recreational and spiritual needs of youth and to prepare them to serve as productive members of our society. Founded in 1989, C.I.T.Y. operates in the Manassas, VA area.

In the past fourteen years, C.I.T.Y. has:

- ◆ Provided over \$143,000 in scholarships and other educational assistance
- ◆ Sponsored sixty-two field trips to colleges, universities, museums and sporting events
- ◆ Provided mentorship to over 1000 youth and young adults
- ◆ Sponsored athletic teams and provided funds for youth to attend athletic camps
- ◆ Provided spiritual activities such as bible study and gospel programs.
- ◆ Provided tutoring in basic skills and college preparatory
- ◆ 90 cents of every dollar directly supported programs and activities for the youth

We appreciate the support that local churches, businesses and individuals have provided to the boys, girls, young men and young women of C.I.T.Y. We could do nothing if not for the love, grace and mercy of our Lord and continued assistance from our supporters. C.I.T.Y. is also members of the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) and the United Way. The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. We pray for the continued support for this ministry for our youth, and pray that others will join us, or a similar organization. Join us in the field! There is so much to do. Thank You and God Bless You.

2005 In Review

I. EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- a. Provided eight Scholarships.
- b. Provided financial assistance to help 88 youth purchase books and supplies.

II. SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES:

- a. Co-sponsored Gospel programs.
- b. Sponsored 77 youth to the Daughter Ruler (Elk) Christmas Celebration.
- c. Sponsored 115 youth to the Daughter Ruler (Elk) Easter Celebration.

III. RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- a. Sponsored a basketball league, which supported 30 youth.
- b. Sponsored two youth to the Greater Manassas Football League.
- c. Sponsored a Youth Overnight Lock-In that supported 92 youth.
- d. Sponsored a Community Picnic and Gospel Program that supported over 250 youth.

IV. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

- a. Provided financial support to six needy families.
- b. Provided financial support to 16 needy youth.
- c. Sponsored 74 youth in a local “Adopt-A-Street” clean-up program.
- d. Sponsored 1 youth to the “Young Marines” Program

C.I.T.Y. Board Of Directors

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