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North 4 Project

Welcome!

- Born in Clarksdale, Mississippi
- Moved to Minneapolis in 1986
- Found through the teachings of my parents that I had spiritual ties to God. I had hope, love and compassion.
- I needed to spread that compassion throughout the community.

EMERGE Community Development

"Love is the only cement that can hold this community together. When I am commanded to love, I am commanded to restore community, to resist injustice and to meet the needs of my brothers"

- Martin Luther King Jr.



The North 4 Project

- Work Readiness
- Paid Internship
- Connect with community resources to improve socio-economic status
- Financial Literacy



Behind the scenes of North 4...

- Mentorship
- Healing (S.T.A.R)
- Conflict management and resolution
- Wisdom, knowledge and understanding

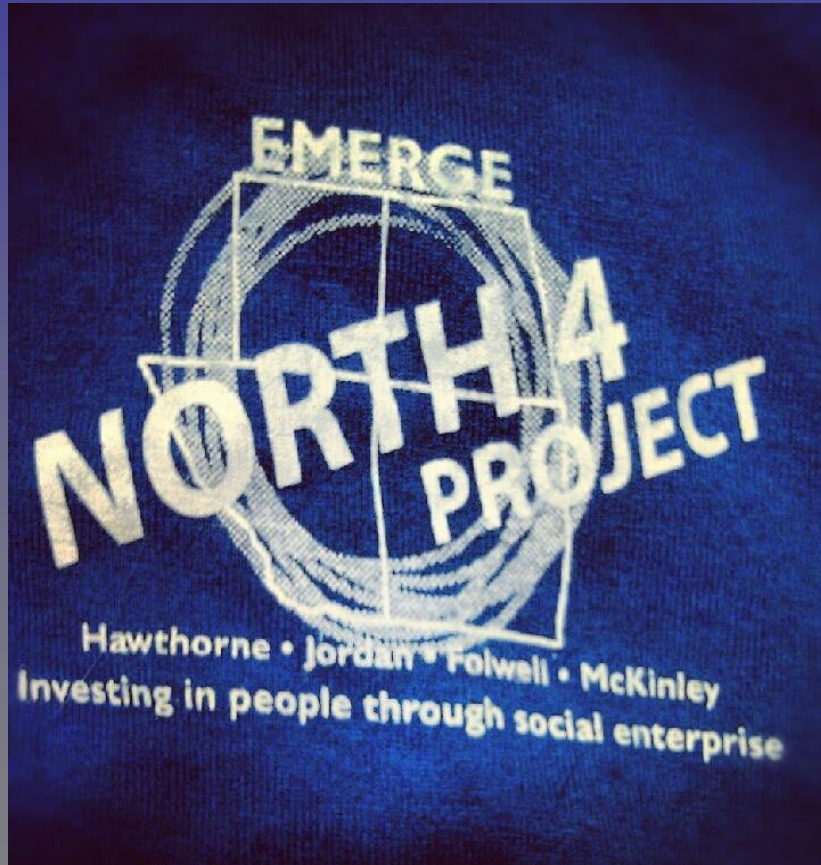


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- Morals and values instilled by my parents
- Knowledge and understanding of Love vs Hate
- Life at City Inc. "Never stop reaching"
- Broadening my world through travel
- Journey to Emerge Community Development



Goals of the Project



- Reduce crime and violence in the community and amongst participants
- Keep them out of jail
- Find them work
- Get them re-enrolled in school
- Increase opportunity and self-value

Reducing the crime

"A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift, is approaching spiritual death."

-Martin Luther King Jr

Remixing the vision of Cliques/Gangs



"Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend."- Martin Luther King Jr

Vision for the future

Important questions

- How do we increase lives saved from 83 to 200?
- With increased capacity how do we grow the program structure?
- Is this needed in neighboring communities?



Needs for North 4

- Connections
- Mental Health
- Additional Resources
- Spirituality
- Social Enterprise



Creation of Enterprise

How do you create enterprise from something that appears broken?

- Youth run food truck
- Full-service restaurant
- Screen Print

Importance of Giving Back



Playing "elves" at
Christmas time



•Delivered turkey baskets
for 100 families over
North

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is,
'what are you doing for others'" -MLK

Results to date

- A significant number of youth returned/re-enrolled in school with several youth on track to receive certification through accredited trainings (culinary, performing arts, forklift, OSHA)
- 85% average attendance rating
- 83 young men have entered the program and to date we have not attended a funeral.

Impact on the Youth

"Glad to work with a group of positive brothers"-R.Page(C4)

"I have changed the things I used to do and switched directions in life for the better"-D.Jones (C3)

"My dad isn't around, Will was the closest thing to a father figure I had. He and the guys helped keep a smile on my face"-D. Gonnigan(C3)

"We are like family, its not just respect its love. They really care."-D. Canty (C2)

"There is a difference between interest and commitment. When you're interested in doing something, you do it only when it's convenient.

When you're committed to something, you accept NO excuses; only results"