

Message from the Chair

*If Not Us, Who? If Not Now, When?*

If you are reading this, we want to thank you all for your ongoing support. In addition, we appreciate your patience.

As Community and Youth Development (CYD) marches on, our mission remains the same:

“To provide charitable, cultural, educational and mentoring programs to promote and encourage the physical, social and emotional development of disadvantaged children and youth without regards to race, creed, color or national origin.”

Over the years, local residents have learned what to expect from CYD. Our annual events during the spring and holiday seasons have become customary and exciting, as they give quite a few young people the ability to enjoy things that many for granted. We will continue to do those programs. Some might ask, “Isn’t that enough?”

In an ever-changing world, ongoing sameness means having a little less value time-after-time. Complacency sets in, and we become less inspired to make a difference. Everyone involved in CYD agrees we do not need that.

So we have a number of things in motion. Over the coming months, you’ll see announcements from us regarding upcoming events and activities that expose youth to cultural, educational, and career planning opportunities. They will have no financial cost to the participants, just an investment of a few hours to experience something new.

We will need volunteers to assist us in conducting these activities. In addition, we will need to collaborate with other organizations that have skills and capabilities that we do not have. If you are interested, let us know via the “Contact Us” page on this site.

This is going to be cool. Join us.

Ed Coleman, Board Chair