

The Journey



Keep Up With Each Step We Take Towards Their Success!

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Dine In For Charity

We were selected as the January 2023 Charity Beneficiary for the Charity Dine In at Sedona Taphouse in Germantown.

Every Monday during the month of January patrons were presented with a special menu. If they selected one of the items from the Charity Menu, a portion of the proceeds would go to TLC. We had TLC staff on site every Monday from 6-8 pm to share details about our organization and the great that work we do!



13th Annual SOS 5K

The date has been released for our biggest fundraiser of the year: The Steps of Success 5K Run/Walk!

The race will be held at Shelby Bottoms on:

September 9th, 2023

Registration is open!



2023 P2SI Leadership Academy

When the race ends, our work begins!

Our work is to CULTIVATE TOMORROWS LEADERS, TODAY!

The 2023 Cohort selection process is underway. We have begun campus tours at Fisk, Nashville State, and Belmont to give a preview of what our Successors can expect from the academy. We receive over 100 applications on average and will narrow them down to the 25 Successors that will be part of the next cohort.

We are excited to IGNITE purpose, INSPIRE success, and TRANSFORM the lives of these young people.

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BEHIND THE SCENES LOOK AT P2SI ACADEMY

TLC's Mission is to **IGNITE** (purpose), **INSPIRE** (success), and **TRANSFORM** the lives of collegiate students and youth living in underserved communities to positively impact their community and the world!

Pathway to Success Initiative (P2SI) is a transformational experience combining the latest ideas, models, curriculum, skills, and tools facilitated by industry and thought leaders in a workshop, seminar, or Ted-Talk" style format.

P2SI Leadership Academy is designed to develop leaders and create a pathway to success in the areas of personal, professional, and career development. Students will attend 6-8 workshop sessions in three (3) modules:

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT



LEADERSHIP



HEALTH & WELLNESS



27 SUCCESSORS COMPLETED THE 2022 P2SI ACADEMY!

\$32,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS GRANTED



OUR SUCCESSORS

Our Successors graduate the academy equipped with the tools to:

- Polish professional skills & Enhance business acumen
- Cultivate leadership traits
- Contribute to Community
- Explore & develop interests outside of the classroom
- Build confidence & self-esteem
- Make key connections with future business contacts & mentors

Core Values:

- **R**ESPECT
- **A**CCOUNTABILITY
- **I**NTEGRITY
- **S**ERVICE
- **E**XCELLENCE

Giving them the tools to **RAISE** the bar!

25 BOYS

BROWN BOYS READ INITIATIVE

Reading is the basic building block of ALL learning. We model and support positive reading habits to help generate hope for academic success and beyond.

Our initiative is to inspire the love of reading through the love of running to help black and brown boys improve reading proficiency, outrun childhood obesity, and live fuller, healthier lives.



LITERACY

In partnership with schools and organizations in under-resourced communities, our volunteer partners mentor boys one-on-one by providing reading support which builds the confidence students need to embrace and love reading.

LEADERSHIP

Each Brown Boys Read session is launched with a 10-minute speaker who introduces a keyword and influential Black male role model. We introduce and reinforce leadership skills each boy will need to be leaders in their home, school, and community.

HEALTH/WELLNESS

In 2020, 35% of MNPS school elementary students were either overweight or obese. We coach the boys each week and teach lessons that promote good health and habits. The season ends with the boys running 3.1 miles in the Steps of Success 5K in September each year.



***"Today a reader,
tomorrow a leader!"
- Margaret Fuller***

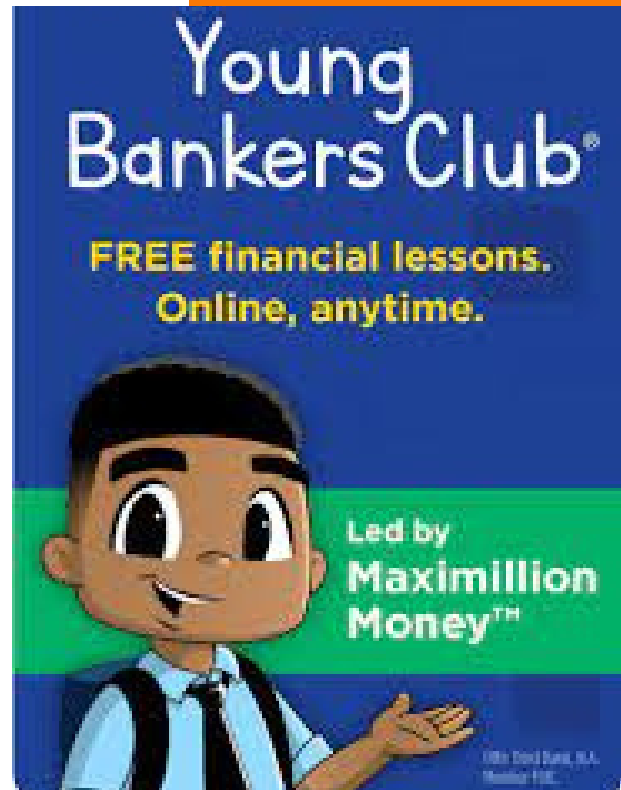


56 YOUNG BANKERS!

TLC partnered with 5/3 Bank to deliver an engaging, online financial education program that teaches students math and life skills through a digitally gamified treasure hunt for elementary students at East Hope Exchange.

Each lesson in the module-based financial education program provides a unique, engaging approach to financial literacy that meets students where they're at, and helps them apply their knowledge to gradually more complex scenarios.

The program incorporates different facets of banking, while clearly identifying the relevant math content standards within each unit—outlining what students should know and be able to use.



2022 STEPS OF SUCCESS 5K RUN/WALK

We had our best year yet at the 12th Annual Steps of Success 5k run/walk with a record-breaking amount of funds raised. We hosted 550 runners, 26 vendors, and hundreds of spectators and supporters.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT
BY INVESTING IN OUR YOUTH TO
HELP US TO IGNITE INSPIRE AND
TRANSFORM THEIR LIVES!**



LEADING THE CHARGE

DEMETRIUS SHORT

FOUNDER &
CEO

*When the vision is clear,
The results will appear!*

Demetrius' joy and passion is Igniting, Inspiring and Transforming the lives of collegiate students and youth living in underserved communities.

He accomplishes this as the Founder and CEO of Transformation Life Center, a 13 year 501c3 non-profit organization in Nashville, TN.

The mission and vision of TLC is "Cultivating future African American leaders to positively impact their community and the world."

Demetrius shares 23 years of marriage to his life-long friend, Vanessa Short and share in the joy of raising their daughter, Amaya Nicole who is a Freshman at Nashville State Community College studying Information Systems.

He is a Senior QA & Test Advisor with over 30 years of IT experience. He is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio and graduated from HBCU Fisk University with a double major in Computer Science and Business Administration in 1999.



- ✓ Husband
- ✓ Athlete
- ✓ Father
- ✓ Servant Leader
- ✓ Pastor
- ✓ HBCU Graduate (Fisk University)

Cultivating tomorrow's leaders, today!

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Steps of Success 5k Run/Walk

The Steps of Success 5k Run/Walk fundraiser helps fuel the mission, programs, and services of Transformation Life Center. Funds from the 5k run/walk also provide scholarships to students in need of financial support to help fund their education.

Talent Pipeline

TLC's mission is to produce a pipeline of successful future leaders in the African American/Black community who are career and job ready. P2SI high-performing students are offered internship and full-time job opportunities along with unique mentoring opportunities with our Ignite Network partners.

Ignite Network

Through this robust network, industry and community leaders, as well as organizations, share their expert knowledge and benchmarked practices by facilitating workshops and serving as mentors or advisors to our students and/or non-profit organization.



P2SI Leadership Academy

Pathway To Success Leadership Academy is a transformational experience that enhances the preparedness of future leaders in the African American/Black community. P2SI is designed to assist, support and empower collegiate/high schools and champion professional development of the next generation of leaders.

Brown Boys Read Initiative

This program focuses on Literacy, Leadership, and Health/Wellness of black and brown boys who are reading below the third-grade reading level. Male role models read books to inspire the love of reading. After reading, the boys go out for a healthy walk/run with men in the Black Men Run Nashville Chapter.

Community Service

Students in our programs are required to "Pay It Forward" through FREE service learning projects throughout the year centered around positively impacting underserved communities.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Leadership takes teamwork. That's why we partner with like-minded individuals and organizations doing good work in their communities and spheres of influence.



VOLUNTEER

Give your time or expertise at a program, session, fundraiser, or event.



DONATE

Become a sponsor of one of our programs, sponsor the 5k or asunner , or donate to our organization.



CONNECT

Connect us with like minded partners, foundations, corporations, business people, donors, government leaders.



ADVOCATE

Publicly support our organization or help us know who we should be connected to for expansion or become an ambassador.



REGISTER

Register to run or walk in our annual 5k. Not a runner? You can also sponsor a ticket for someone else or help sponsor an ambassador.

Visit us at www.transformationlifecenter.org to join us in this mission!