**LIGHT UP THE COV Program**

**What is Light Up the COV Program?**

* It is a recreation program designed to keep youth off the streets during peak times by providing dinner, mentorship, and activities for Covington’s kids. The program also welcomes community members to participate and build a positive atmosphere and community cohesiveness.

**What would a typical evening look like?**

* Program Schedule
* Second Friday of each month during the school year -- 4:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
* Sample Evening Schedule
* Student Check-in 4:30 p.m. – 4:55 p.m.
  + Sign-up for:
    - Basketball
    - Board and Video Games
    - Sewing
    - Employment skills - resumes, job applications, interviewing.
    - Poetry, creative writing
    - Cosmetology Room
    - Various groups
* Dinner: 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
* Activities Begin: 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
* Clean-up/dismissal: 8:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**What is the cost per student?**

* It is a FREE program and open to the community, Holmes Middle and High School and Transformational Learning Center.
* We will initially serve 50 young people and hope to see those numbers grow as the program gets off the ground.

**What is the financial need to get the program started?**

* The program will run off donations from the community and businesses; initially, we hope for assistance from the Covington Board of Education.
  + We estimate $16,000.00 for the upcoming school year.
    - $2,400.00 meals
      * $240.00 per night for 10 months - $4.00 per student/volunteer (50 students/10 volunteers)
    - $8,000.00 for security
      * $800.00 per night for 10 months
* $5,600.00 for startup supplies/equipment – examples:
  + Basketballs, soccer balls, footballs
  + Board games & cards
  + Jewelry kits
  + Portable basketball hoops
  + Sewing Machines and supplies
  + Craft Kits
  + Field equipment
  + Art Supplies
  + Make-up Kits

**Volunteer/Community Members and their role within the program?**

* The program provides many opportunities to interact with students. ALL volunteers must pass a background check.
* Volunteers/Community Members will assist or lead sessions and encourage students to participate. Below are some examples:
  + Lead a financial literacy workshop
  + Hold a panel with your colleagues about college and traveling abroad
  + Host a resume writing workshop
  + Host a dress for success for job interviews or college visits
  + Bring your talents to teach the students something special: yoga, Zumba, calligraphy, cooking, cake decorating, creative writing, etc.
  + Play or supervise basketball with students
  + Play board games with students in designated areas
  + Play and manage soccer with students on the soccer field

In closing, we are working very hard to provide our students and community with fun activities that will enhance their social and emotional health. We want to create a safe space where a kid can be a kid and have positive community support. Our commitment is to assist and improve the well-being of our students and community by creating a safe place to reconnect and grow. However, it takes time and money to host a program that we have outlined.

Would you be willing to help and donate $16,000.00 to this program for our students and community? Thank you for your willingness to be so generous. We will offer quarterly reports at our board meeting and publicly recognize your donation/support through our project’s printed materials/signage etc.

Thank you for your consideration.

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