RESTORE MINISTRIES INC.
SERVING URBAN YOUTH

December 2021 - January 2022   *Winter Update*

Coming from a small South Jersey community and volunteering in the inner cities of Philadelphia, and Connecticut helped make me a better person. I value the memories of the people on my teams and those in the communities we helped. Volunteering showed me that I can be part of the solution to community problems.

At the beginning of the COVID pandemic, Restore students' interest in our virtual learning modules on justice, activism, and acts of kindness exploded. The students connected with the topics, enjoyed their service projects, and expressed that they felt that what they learned and what they accomplished mattered. They call themselves Students United For Justice, (SUFJ). Some of the future service-learning opportunities our young people want to work on are cleaning up neighborhoods, volunteering at local nonprofits, caring for the environment, working alongside others and helping those hit by disasters like Storm Ida. In August 2022, we are planning on taking ten students to the gulf coast of Mississippi for seven days to work with the local leadership where storms and hurricanes have devastated homes.

We have 25 members of SUFJ participating at various levels and projects. Each student wants to raise $500 to cover all expenses for their service and mission projects and to raise money for local charities. Their first fundraiser will be their participation in Restore's Annual 5K walk/run. This year the 5K is virtual, meaning people will walk on their own or in groups they have set up. The open window to do their 5K is any day between January 14, 2022, to February 20, 2022.

You can be a driving force in the lives of our SUFJ as they seek to serve others in their communities and beyond. Your sponsorship of individual students will get them closer to their goal. Any amount is welcomed. However, we are looking for 25 individuals who can start at the $225 sponsorship level. If you can provide the full $500, I would highly recommend this and appreciated it. I already have in place a Johnson and Johnson match that will net an additional $7,500 towards the amount raised by our Students United For Justice (SUFJ). Your donation can count towards that match.

All you have to do is write out your check today and make it payable to Restore Ministries and put SUFJ in the memo. Mail your check to: Restore Ministries P.O. Box 29 Elizabeth, NJ 07207-0029

If you prefer to give on our 5K website, go to:

Gratitude Rising - Restore Ministries, Inc. https://p2p.onecause.com/gratituderising/charity/restore-ministries-inc
Once we receive your gift we will apply it to a SUFJ student and let you know it was done.

The real impact of your influence at Restore is when our college students who come back to volunteer or intern with us. One of them said, "I wish we had a program like Incredible Days and Students United For Justice when I was in Restore." To me that suggests that young people find real value in learning the tools that help shape communities that you and I are trying to bring to them. With your help, you make this possible.

Thank you,

Linwood Bagby, Founder and CEO

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Restore's Founder and CEO.

Restore's Program Director.

Open House at our new site

42 Broad St. Elizabeth, NJ. - Snyder Academy

Second Year at Union County College.

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Mom and Son! He's a freshmen at Rutgers.

Restore Alumni, adjunct professor at Union County College.