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Virtual Summer Urban Poverty Program

Be the change you want to see in the world “Make my word better!
Make my world Count!”

We're so grateful for the outpouring of generosity you have shown throughout the COVID-19 crisis. In this difficult moment, you have empowered our team in countless ways.

We thought our summer program was all washed up, but you created the opportunity to go virtual and meet the changes that have arisen as a result of the pandemic. The summer program was fully funded by 26 donors. Every one of your gifts is helping us gain new partnerships, involving current supporters and engaging students and their families in safe, exceptional online learning and fun.

Here's what your support has made possible:

GREATEST NEEDS: By supporting Ximena, our Program Director, she was able to concentrate on learning new management and technical skills which transferred Restore from an onsite program to a dynamic virtual experience. Your donations helped us hire a consultant and new partner, Andrew Wicks, founder and CEO of Incredible Days. Andrew met with us many times through Zoom, emails, text and phone calls. He and his team worked with Ximena and me in the planning and implementing the virtual summer program for 6 to 17 year old campers. Our donor support has kept our members and staff safe while they learned and had fun together.



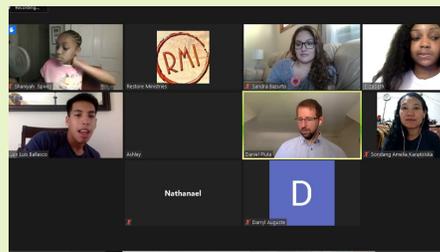
Andrew Wicks, Founder and CEO of Incredible Days at Group Debriefing



Middle School Student's Breakout Room



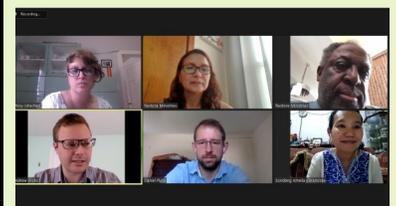
High School Students' Breakout Room



Elementary Student's Breakout Room



Restore and Incredible Days Team Meetings



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June, July and August’s birthdays Celebration

The global pandemic continues to limit all of our choices and has changed the way we live our lives, but it has not changed the need for community, service to others and a desire to find meaningful existence. Something powerful took place at Restore’s virtual summer camp. Students, parents and staff shared, learned and laughed together. Yes, at times it was difficult, but we managed through the hard parts and ended up knowing each other better, understanding the many challenges we are facing in our world and are learning how to work together for change. As Ximena and I continue forward with online ministry we hope that your prayers and financial support will stay with us and grow as we take further steps into the virtual world.

Best Talent shared, winners received \$50 gift certificate. Congrats!



Family Cooking Class



What are you praying for today?



These are the children ‘s prayers



Silly Picture Challenge



Juan & Milay 2nd place



Children receiving their rewards/ incentives prizes



Joshua & Jerimiah 1st place



Javon & Stephon 3er place

URBAN POVERTY PANELS and VISITORS



Access to Housing Panel

**Mayor Bollwage (Elizabeth City)
Alberto Goncalves (GonSosa1st. Managing Partner
Real State Developer)
James Carey (Director of Social Services -
Elizabethport Presbyterian Center)**



Faith and Advocacy Panel

**Mrs. Yasmin Fisher Business Development Director,
GECC with the Middle and High School groups.**

Food Security Panel

**Jackii Kordiak, Americorps VISTA Outreach and
Community Engagement Coordinator, Connecticut
Food-Bank
Amy Beth Jones, Agape Coordinator
The Presbyterian Church in Westfield**



Community Service Panel

**Bryant Cordova-Graduate Student Activist,
Danny Marple - Elizabeth Police Department**



**Elder community member Mrs. Deborah Dixon chatting
with the group about racism based on the book "Let's
talk about race"**

We've received so many wonderful messages of gratitude from students, parents, staff, donors and our partners — here are just a few:

“It was a really fun event I hope the students enjoyed it as much as I did. Thank you for thinking of me.” Amy

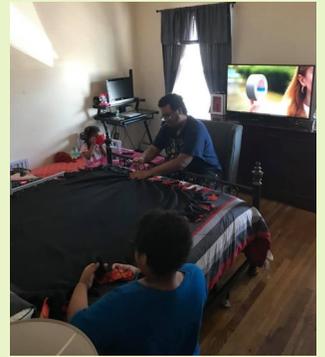
“Tutors are so sweet and positive with the kids. Really interested in learning more about incredible days mission projects.” Corine Brennan

“Thank you for the opportunity to sit in on the middle school and high school discussions on race and justice. I was impressed by how the critical historical lessons were amplified by the incorporation on reading support and effort to prompt conversation and reflection.” Margo Greenfield

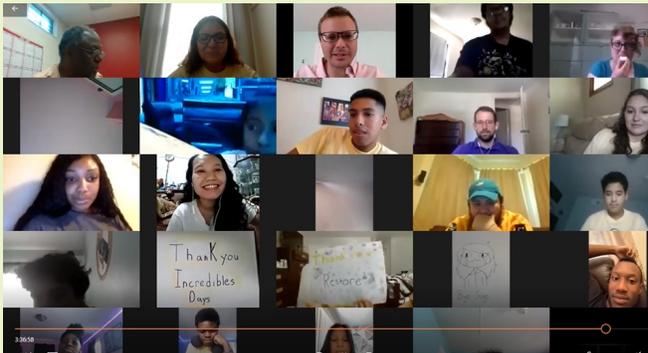
“Thank you so much for letting us listen in today. My only regret is that I only participated for an hour. You are clearly addressing some tough subjects, and I was impressed with how thoughtful the attendees comments were. The facilitator, who I think was Jake, did a great job, very patient and included everyone. Actually, I was also impressed with how attentive the participants were! I am so glad I got to be part of it. I hope you and your family are all ok. Thank you for all you do!” Lee Anne



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**Community Service projects
No sew fleece tie blankets
canned food collection
were delivered to Elizabethport Presbyterian Center**



Thank you so much to everyone who supported and collaborated with Restore Virtual Summer Mission Trip

Upcoming Events

**5K Run/Walk
November 6 - 7**



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