











# Realizing Potential...Maximizing Achievement

It has been a stellar year for Restore and especially for our 2012 graduating seniors. Eleven finished high school and all are in military, colleges or trade schools. It was rewarding for us, the adults, to play a significant role in their journey into young adulthood. This report is about their journey and the journeys of the Restore members who are following them.

We are really excited about our fourteen seventh graders. They meet with me every Wednesday in our book club and eight have signed up to learn chess from one of our corporate volunteers. Their energy and potential is mindboggling.

We are changing destinies and lives as we guide and mentor our members to think big, work hard and reach their dreams of a good life.

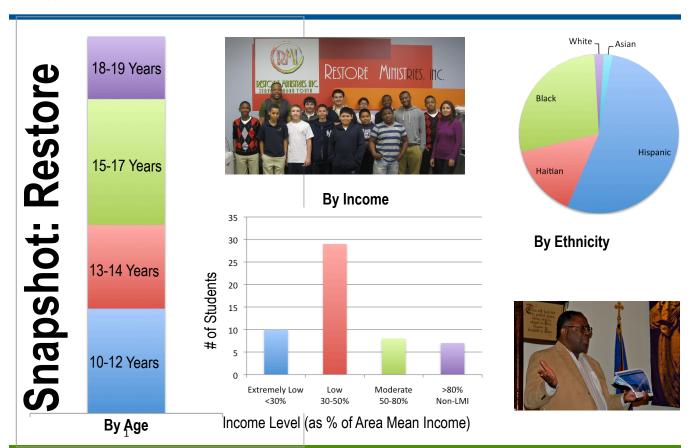
Restore staff, parents and volunteers are the glue that binds student's dreams to the reality of diligence. This community is a testament to the importance of our wrap around Afterschool programs. We are determined to help our members overcome every barrier.

We are so thankful to all of you, our donors and supporters. Because of you, our Afterschool program is open three days instead of two. Because of you,

the Book and Chess Clubs meet every week. Your generosity allows us to send kids to private schools, summer sleep away camps, and educational field trips. Your faithfulness to this ministry gives us a summer program. God has used your gifts of money, time and prayers to support the work we do in the lives of so many young people and teenagers. We thank you and pray that you will continue to be with us as we travel with our members: encouraging, prodding, and loving them into greatness.

Yours in Faith,

Linwood Bagby Founder and Executive Director



### **Restore In Numbers**

With the concentrated effort of the Homework Center staff, of our 25 students:

- 36% (9) joined or stayed on the Honor Roll or higher at Elizabeth High School.
- 12% (3) received A grades in all their courses (90% or better).
- 32% (8) raised their core course scores from B to A.
- 16% (4) raised their core course scores from C to B or A.
- 80% (20) had 90% attendance or better at the Center.
- 12% (3) went from D in at least two course to passing.
- 12% (3) went from failing all core courses to passing.
- 80% (20) did not get suspended for the entire school year.
- 12% (3) stopped cutting classes.

Still, 16% (4) students were failing at least two core courses; our work must continue.







## **Restore In Words**

- •Trevon, Carlos, Elmi, Brian, Glaricel and Shantiona took the SAT; Trevon scored in the 98<sup>th</sup> percentile in math and the 88<sup>th</sup> percentile in critical reading. Carlos scored in the 89<sup>th</sup> percentile in math.
- Jovan and Kelvin enrolled in a GED program at Union County College.
- Shonitana and Glaricel are honor students at Elizabeth Public High School.
- \*Jakub is a Superintendent honor student at Elizabeth Middle School.
- •Elmi and Carlos received \$60,000 in college scholarship awards.
- Erik, Jakub Wilfredo, Jhon Paul, and Samuel joined the Friday reading group.
- Seven senior students currently tutor eight middle school students in SAT vocabulary. Their goal is to learn 100 SAT words per school year.
- Christele, Amirah, Emanuel, Henry, Joey, Devon, Alan, and Sandra study voice, poetry, drums, guitar and film making at partner agency, the Institute of Music for Children,.
- •Ten Restore students went to college open houses at Rutgers, Drew, TCNJ, MIT, NJIT, Seton Hall, Steven's Institute of Technology, and Kean University.
- Twelve Restore students went to Career and College Day at ConocoPhillips.
- Erik and Wilfredo improved their math scores from 60% to 100% with help from the tutoring volunteers from ConocoPhillips.
- \*Jakub has been accepted to St Benedict's High School.



**Amazing Graduates** 

2012 was our largest class of graduates ever. We are so proud to send them to success at:

Fairleigh Dickinson University
Glaricel Caminero

United States Navy Idalis Alicea

### **Union County College**

Devon Caldwell Beltran David Christele Maigan Ridizia Phillippe Debbie Pierre

## New Jersey Institute of Technology

Carlos Santibanes Brian Guallpa

Cleveland Institute of Art Elmi Ventura Mata

United States Marine Corps Reserve Joey Singh

Jersey City University Shantiona Grant

Union County Vocational
Program
Matthew Mitchel

#### **Student Profile**



Tyshon and Mr. Bagby

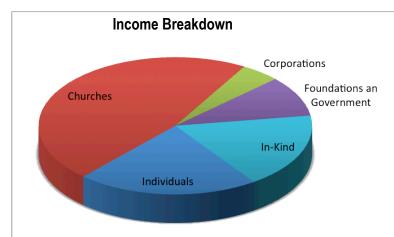
I'm Tyshon Lanier.

I am thirteen years old in the eighth grade. Coming to Restore has benefited me a lot. Recently I went on a college visit to New York University, a great experience for me because it showed me the possibilities that going to college have to offer me.

Restore is more than the games, food, laughs and jokes. Restore helps me to work hard at my academics and at the same time teaches me how to be independent. I

feel that whatever
negative images society or
people have about city
kids, I found a place that
not only accepts me, but
pushes me to better
myself. I want to thank all
the people involved with
Restore for giving me the
opportunity to excel.

### 2011 Finances and Donors



Expense	Amount	%
Operations	\$38,320	19.24%
Personnel	\$56,592	28.42%
Scholarships	\$26,385	13.25%
Programs	\$31,313	15.73%
Occupancy	\$30,400	15.27%
Meals	\$16,116	8.09%
Total	\$199,126	100%

# Prayer is the real support base of Restore Ministries.

#### **Churches**

1st Presbyterian Church of Metutchen
1st Presbyterian Church
of South Plainfield
2nd Presbyterian Church of Elizabeth
Bible Baptist Church
Central Presbyterian Church
Christ Fellowship
First Presbyterian - Carteret
First Presbyterian Church of Cranford
Grace Presbyterian Church
Liberty Corner Presbyterian Church

Living Water Christian Center Presbytery of Elizabeth PRISM (Presbyterians Renewing in Spirit and Mission) Watchung Presbyterian Church



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# Original Painting by Elmi, age 18.











