Happy New Year!!!
Wishing you a Healthy, Blessed & Abundant 2022

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DIRECTOR'S CORNER
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Dear Community Members, Partners, Funders, Supporters and Friends of the FCEC, Its with great enthusiasm that we launch our first monthly Newsletter! One of many ways we plan to keep you abreast of all the wonderful going ons at the Center. It's has been 9 months since I came on board as Executive Director and I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome and guidance, all of which I greatly appreciate. Most of all thanking Ms. Kathryn Bryant for her dedication and hard work and the Board for their unrelenting support.

COVID Policies

Due to the rise in COVID cases, we are closed for all in-person programming for the month of January. Upon re-opening, all participants of in-person programming are required to wear face-mask and will require to show proof of updated COVID vaccine ... we are committed to the collective prevention of serious illness from COVID
2021 VS. 2022
A YEAR OF TRANSITION VS.
A YEAR OF ANTICIPATION

The disruption of 2020 caused us to close our doors to the community, but we remained relevant through our food [Food for All], face-mask distribution, and virtual programming. 2021 was to bring the promise of recovering and transitioning back from the disruption, yet we found ourselves battling with how to do so. We needed to stay healthy but we also wanted to get back to our routines.

We, too, were searching at the FCEC and launched a few initiatives with not much planning but nonetheless successfully. We had our first annual Junetheenth Community Engagement Celebration.

Save the Date: June 18th 2022 will be the second annual community celebration!!!

In partnership with The GOAL Standard, we brought back our youth summer camp with limited participation but had an impactful program. We will continue the development of our Summer program 2022 through this partnership. Also in summer of 2021, we launched our partnership with the Academy of Construction and Design (ACAD) by hosting their summer internship program at our site and look forward to expanding this partnership. Our Out of School time activities are being implemented by new partnerships with the Innovative Academy for Liberal Arts & Science (IALAS) and Aviation Youth Mentoring Program... so much more to come in this year of great anticipation for our community and youth!!!

RESILIENCE HUB IMPLEMENTATION
"NOTHING WITHOUT US"

One step at a time...

The community has met for over four years, they studied ideas, concepts, and resources of resilience hubs. Then they spoke: The Resilience Hub Community Committee developed a white paper that clearly defines what would be beneficial to a Ward 7 Resilience Hub
https://faunteroycenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/RHCC-Report-Year-1.pdf The FCEC was selected as a pilot hub, now it's time to transform a vision into reality; through strategic partnerships and building out a promising location.

Successful implementation will require collective, outside of the box thinking; collaborating with of public and private sectors; and knowing that from the community, with the community and in the community is THE pathway to intentional EQUITY for all programs to be provided. The FCEC Resilience Hub is focused on:
- Community Engagement & Empowerment
- Workforce Development (Education/Training)
- Wellness (Health Resilience)
- Community Environmental Resilience
- Infrastructure Resilience (Solar/Power Backup)

Join us every Thursday 7pm via zoom for our Thursday Community Empowerment Series: Register here: https://faunteroycenter.org/resilience-hub/

Throughout this year we will be implementing various aspects of these focus areas.
FULL S.T.E.A.M AHEAD
YOUTH ENRICHMENT

Science - Technology - Engineering - Arts - Math
While we focus on the implementation of the Resilience Hub, we recognize that now more than ever we must make sure that the devastation of COVID19 does not mean our youth will be left behind. Enriching youth experiences are already in place and there will be more to come. Thanks to Blossom Bakery for the delicious additions at the end of the year.

Current Out of School Time Programming
- After school STEM programming with IALAS, where homework support is also provided.
- Mental Health Friday's, where virtual meditation on the importance of self care with Lewsha, founder, The Love Revolution is provided.
- Photo-voice environmental awareness project coordinated by Mr. Dennis Chestnut

Future Out of School Time Programming:
- Call for youth artists to be part of ARTS at the FCEC (February)
- Youth Art Week Feb 22nd - 26th
- Monthly post-high school readiness workshop, first session Saturday, February 26th
- Youth Aviation week April 11th - 15th
- Various special events February-April

ARTS AT THE FCEC
COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT & EMPOWERMENT
We believe that when we are allowed to create together we can build and connect in meaningful ways. Community outreach is an important aspect of being a resilience hub, doing this through creativity is the heart of the FCEC resilience hub community outreach strategy. With the Urban Arts Collaborative we will be launching 'Arts at the FCEC' as of February 4th 2022, join us!

Please contact us for more information regarding virtual youth programming in January.

Stay tuned for more details on future programming via our website, IG, and Facebook Accounts
NEED VOLUNTEER & COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS??

LOOKING FOR A SUMMER 2022 PROGRAM FOR YOUR MIDDLE SCHOOLER??

LOOKING FOR AN ENRICHING SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE??

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