Director's Corner

As the year blossoms into this season of renewal, transformation and rebirth, we look towards nature as a source of inspiration as we experience the pleasure of nature coming to life once again. One of our focuses at the FCEC is Environmental Stewardship. Under that flagship, we look forward to engaging the community intergenerationally to educate and inspire love for Ward 7’s natural surroundings. As an example, I have been educating myself on the Watts Branch Tributary; and have become aware of its assets, as well as the vulnerabilities it poses to the community. We look forward to working with community members, and other various government and community-based organizations in the effort to increase participation, and empower self-determination in environmental justice and advocacy.

COVID-19 Update

The Center is back to hosting in-person programming! However, given the delicate balance of managing the COVID virus and keeping our community members safe, we will require proof of vaccination to be part of in-person programs. We are here as a resource if you would like to know more about vaccinations and testing.

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Monthly Newsletter April/ May 2022
Community Member Shoutout

Let us introduce you to one of our youth members who participates in our afterschool program...

My name is Antonio Gray. I am 11 years old and the school I go to is Burrville Elementary School. My hobbies are soccer, basketball and football. Right now, I am on a soccer team. My dream is to be a professional soccer or football player. My favorite activity to do at the Faunteroy center is S.T.E.A.M. In S.T.E.A.M I like how we learn about the human body. I also want to be a scientist.

Environmental Cleanup

The spring break cleanup was a great success! It took place on Saturday, April 16th. There were 22 volunteers; 8 high school students and 12 college students from GWU and Howard U. The cleanup took place in Marvin Gaye Park between 49th street and 46th street along the MGP trail and Watts branch. Some of the volunteers put on waders and removed trash and debris from the stream. Approximately 200 lbs of trash was removed from MGP and Watts branch. Some of the items removed included motorcycles, bicycles, car parts, and numerous types of plastics. We met local residents who were very excited that the park was being cleaned up and wanted to get involved. We plan to hold a monthly stewardship event consisting of a cleanup, water quality monitoring, and even birding events. Stay tuned!
Arts@Faunteroy: Herstory 20

April 16th marked the opening reception for the inaugural exhibition of our AWA Gallery. In partnership with Arts@Faunteroy, the Green Urban Arts Collective (G.U.A.C) showcased 'Making Herstory 20: Finishing What We Started', presented by Michelle Parrish and Pru Bonds. Women from across the DMV and Ward 7 featured in the exhibition to commemorate its 20th anniversary. With all of the amazing attendees, youth and families, it was a beautiful event complete with music, poetry from Dehejia Maat and travelers from as far as New Jersey. Thanks to the efforts of members of the community, the AWA Gallery remains a warm and welcoming space. Get ready for more to come!

Aviation Week

Aviation week also turned out to be an amazing success! We had guest speakers come in and engage with our youth, such as pilots Timothy Hope and Maureen Shankman. Participants were also able to visit the National Air & Space Musem and Potomac Airfield. In addition, our youth engaged in fun team building activities, including the 'Building a Mars helicopter activity' and an Airport Design Challenge. At the end of our week, everyone got to present and share all about what they learned about aviation and the activities they got to partake in.
Save the Date:

Juneteenth Community Resilience Celebration
Saturday, June 18th, 10am-3pm
Documentary Feature Film, 4pm -10pm

Join us every Thursday for Resilience: Community Empowerment Series
https://faunteroycenter.org/resilience-hub-series

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