



CYEP

Capital Youth Empowerment Program



A DECADE OF POSITIVE IMPACT. A FUTURE OF POSSIBILITIES.

Capital Youth Empowerment Program is committed to developing a strong foundation for our communities by nurturing our most valuable resources — our families and our children.

Number of Clients Served in 2017:

76

Fathers in Touch

279

Project Success

41

Safe Dates

CYEP has many stories to tell. Over the past ten years, we have been privileged to help individuals living in our communities to grow in positive, productive ways. CYEP program participants in their own words:

"The program benefited me because it gave us information that people might be uncomfortable giving out; but it was information that was valuable and about things that were affecting us. The statistics caught our attention when we realize it was things happening to us, our generation, our friends."

Darius Holland | T.C. Williams High School, Class of 2015

"The way Project Success helped me was it helped me understand sex and HIV and STDs better. What I would tell other teens is that it is a very good program, and if you have questions, or are curious about something, you can ask them."

Landra Richards | 9th grade | T.C. Williams High School

"Fathers in Touch is an organization that not only wants you to learn how to be a better parent, but they also give you skills to do it and encourage you to participate actively. If are out there thinking, 'is this a good program for me?' Yes! Give it a try. It's positive. It's one of the best things going in the community."

Robert | Fathers In Touch Alumni

Fathers in Touch: Kweku Biney

In 2018, Maame Biney made history as the first African-American women's speed skater to qualify for the U.S. Olympics. A truly admirable feat. But this would not have been possible if not for the sacrifice and hard work of her single father, a Ghanaian immigrant, Kweku Biney.

Kweku Biney was born and lived as a young man in Ghana. Seeking a better life and more opportunity for him and his family, he left for Europe in the 1980s.

He traveled all over Europe, living in France, Sweden, Denmark and Norway. Kweku landed in Alicante, Spain and settled in. However, Kweku had long targeted the United States as his final landing spot.





In 1984, his goal was realized. Kweku saved enough money to purchase a plane ticket to the United States. After arriving here, he settled in Hyattsville, Maryland. In 2005 his daughter, Maame, moved to the United States to be with him. It was here that they started their lives together.

Maame's skating dream began as the result of a spontaneous reaction by Kweku after seeing a sign for skating lessons. Kweku encouraged Maame to sign up. Maame instantly fell in love with skating and Kweku supported her dedication for the sport.

Over the years, Kweku has sacrificed and worked hard to support Maame and enable her to continue her passion of speed skating. It was this support and hard work as a single father that put Maame on her Olympic path.

Kweku participated in the CYEP's Fathers in Touch Program in 2013 when Maame was a teen. The sought to be the best father he could be and help guide a teen through acculturation issues. He wanted to grow as a father in support of his daughter. His commitment to parenting and to his family directly impacted Maame's ability to thrive.

As Maame's biggest fan, Kweku's dream of watching his daughter compete for the U.S. came true at the Winter Olympic Games, where he proudly cheered on his daughter as she crossed the finish line.

Project Success: Kevin

Growing up with a single mother and four sisters, Kevin had been homeless, kicked out of school, and had windows of opportunity closed down tightly. But he would not and did not give up. Kevin got back in school and applied himself enough to graduate high school.

During high school, Kevin participated in CYEP's project success. Our team nurtured his talent and drive, providing mentorship that helped him understand his potential. Not long after, he applied to and attended Ferrum College, where he earned an impressive 4.0 grade point in his first semester.

After this successful first term at Ferrum, Kevin applied and was accepted to Delaware State University. As an undergrad, Kevin was elected president of the university accounting club and president of National Association of Black Accountants.

As he excelled in the classroom at Delaware State, Kevin tried out for the university football team as a walk on and made the roster. Eventually he became captain of the team.

Kevin graduated magna cum laude and had the highest grade point average for a man in the accounting department. Currently, Kevin is interning for KPMG accounting firm in Federal Audit Division.

To give back to the community, Kevin has also started his own mentor program in the Dover, Delaware area.

Next, Kevin plans to apply to graduate school to earn his MBA. He will also be a graduate assistant for the university football team. Kevin's ultimate aim: to be a CEO for a Fortune 500 company. Truly this young man is a Project Success!



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