

# Christian Programs For Inner-City Children

2010 Summer Report



**LEADERS**

# IN ACTION

**"Bringing Joy and Hope to Children in Desperate Situations"**

**MCCA**  
*Sports*  
Ministry

**"BUILDING FUTURE LEADERS"**



**Committing to be Fit**



**Learning How to Lead**



**Believing in God's Plan**

# Leadership



## Mission Work: Serving The Lord



## Funding Hope: Committing To Change

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Dear Friends,

What a great summer it was. Camps, cross-country travel and many hot summer days have come and gone. What would it be if it weren't for the help and support of thousands of individuals like yourself helping MCCA reach out to the many needs of our great city and the world.

Each summer brings many new smiling faces and eager groups willing to lend a hand with the task of serving inner-city children through Christian outreach. This year MCCA was given this great commission yet again. As we always do, we jumped right into it and stayed true to our mission by "creating leadership opportunities that foster accountability, education, employment training and service to the world".

As we transition into the school year and redirect our focus on Team Fitness, Work Ready and Gifts of Love programs we would like to take this time to share with you our accomplishments of this past summer.

Thank you, for supporting our mission.

God Bless!



Sincerely,

Rafeal Andrews  
MCCA President

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# MCCA 2010 Summer at a Glance

**Summer Sports Academy**- 8 Program sites provided 1,500 youth fitness clinics and healthy living workshops 4-days a week for the duration of 8-weeks over the summer months.

**Weekend Adventurers**- 4 weekend trips hosted 45 youth this summer. Each weekend youth attended local churches and were exposed to many different communities throughout the State of Wisconsin.

**Student Internships**- 10 sites employed 119 interns this summer. Each intern was placed at our program sites at schools and community agencies to provide student assistance with camps, devotions and sports clinics.

**Vision Quest**- 4 trips allowed 112 youth to participated in mission work this summer. Teens toured local colleges and historical monuments throughout Wisconsin and Illinois. Sixty seven youth traveled to New York and Philadelphia for national vacation bible school camps, leadership training and other mission work by serving children in low-income housing.

**Sons of David**- 15 young boys participated in a weekly boys mentor program exposing them to employment training, bible studies, team travel and leadership development through mentor/mentee relationships.



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To view some of our program clips and video highlights.

# Opportunity



**Vision Quest:  
Exploring The World**



**Church Missions:  
Volunteering With Passion**



# *Forging New Partnerships:*

## *Holton Youth & Family Center Collaborative*

In the spring of 2009 the Holton Youth Center, located in the Riverwest neighborhood on the North side of Milwaukee, closed its doors to hundreds of children and teens due to a lack of funding. For many months the center's closing had left an incredible void in the neighborhood. A lot of bad things can happen when children and teens have no place to go when left unattended during afterschool hours and the summer months. In January of 2010 the Minority Christian Coaches Association (MCCA) received 20 youth workers from the Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board (MAWIB) to help with reopening the center.

Through the efforts and hard work of the MAWIB teen workers the Holton Youth Center was up and running by mid-February. "These youth workers made the difference. They made it possible for MCCA to start serving the children of the Riverwest neighborhood again with a very small budget", said Rafeal Andrews, the President of MCCA. "They were willing to be trained in our Work Ready Milwaukee workshop program and take on the responsibility of junior staff at the center, which allowed us to offer tutoring, recreation, homework help and wellness classes to the kids in the neighborhood again."

Of the twenty teens that started the program 16 stayed and completed their work placement this June and five of them were selected to travel to Pennsylvania on an east coast Vision Quest this summer. Not only making a difference in their local community, teens made national news when they helped a local housing authority in Pottstown, PA kick start a summer day-camp for 125 kids.

### **Collaborative Brings Hope to Riverwest**

The Holton Youth Center has completed its summer program schedule with the help of 10 teens placed through the MAWIB program and this has made a big difference in the Riverwest Neighborhood. Each day anywhere from 120 to 150 youth would visit the center for summer programming. In the mornings from 10:00am to 3:00pm children ages 6 to 12 enjoyed arts & crafts, healthy living workshops, weekly field trips and a free lunch program. The evening program was from 4:00pm to 9:00pm for teens which consisted of life skills workshops, recreation and basketball clinics. The MAWIB teens helped with all aspects of the summer program. Teens were camp counselors, chaperones, building security, administrative support and even mentors to youth entering the center this summer.

With the formation of the Holton Youth & Family Center Collaborative this summer we received a 5-year grant from the Medical College of Wisconsin. The grant will support violence prevention programming at the center and in the local Riverwest community. The four key partners in the collaborative are Above the Clouds, Running Rebels, Wisconsin Community Services and MCCA. Most of the partners will be moving into the Holton Youth Center this fall, so once again the youth and families in the Riverwest Neighborhood will have a safe place to learn new skills and receive quality programming for neighborhood children.

