

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

MAY-JUNE 2017 RECAP

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Let Your Voice Be Heard, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) that operates with one sole intention, CHANGE. We are working through outlets such as our monthly community forums and workshops for youth and adults, youth after school outreach, community outreach and peace walks, rallies, job fairs, social events and more. This group's mission is to implement life-changing programs that will help curb violence and nourish and support minority and local owned enterprises. To keep up with all our momentous events and see recaps and photos from past events, please visit our website mentioned above or follow us on Facebook.



LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD COMMUNITY FORUM RECAP

DO NOT BE VIOLENT

DO NOT BE SILENT

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this recap of our last forum and upcoming events. We have decided to compile our recaps differently now and include it with the newsletter all in one package to make it simpler. We have been continuously adding innovative programs to the monthly flow of events and implementing new strategies that are cultivated in the forums.

RECAP

Our last Let Your Voice Be Heard Community Forum took place 05/21/2017 at Global Dynasty Corps (6250 Edgewater Dr. Orlando, FL) and we could start our new flow of forums in which we speak for 30-45 minutes on the events we are working on continually and then we went straight into the open floor and decided new focuses to attack.

This will be the flow of the forums so that we can ensure everyone has a chance to speak and provide their input and we can focus more on everyone's input as opposed to just advising the attendants what programs we are working on.

UP NEXT

Our next Let Your Voice Be Heard Community Forum will take place June 28th, 2017 at Three Masks, Inc. 1023 W. Colonial Dr. Orlando, FL from 7:00pm-8:30pm. Moving forward we have been gearing up for our July 8th, Central Florida Community Care Fair with Mook Boy and other artists LIVE at the Central Florida Fairgrounds. This event will double as an expo and a place for vendors, workshops and the family to attend. We are also accepting volunteers for our Central Florida Community Care Fair please advise us via email if you would like to participate and if you would like to purchase a vendor table please visit <http://letyourvoicebeheardinc.com/subscribeevents/ccf>. We have included more information about this event in the breakdown of upcoming events portion.

We also will be gearing up with more community walks such as the Community Peace Walk taking place on July 1st, 2017 in the Pine Hills Neighborhood. With the summer, here we will be more active in the neighborhoods and holding many outings that will take place outside of the pace walks, we will be using the email system to inform everyone about where we'll be meeting. Also, we will have more details on our youth mentoring events taking place this summer shortly. Our first meeting was last year in July of 2016 and this year we will be doing something special to memorialize this milestone. We thank everyone for the continued support and encourage everyone to tell a friend about the wonderful things we all are doing. To donate or sign up for volunteering, please visit us at www.letyourvoicebeheardinc.com/jointhemovement.

To download the attachments for this recap please go to:

www.letyourvoicebeheardinc.com/

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- Powerpoint from 05/21/2017
- Recap Document
- May and June 2017 Newsletter

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YOUTH AFTER-SCHOOL OUTREACH

This will resume the school year of 2017-2018 on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Since the last week of 2016 we have been trying to greet the youth after they are released from school with chips, drinks, snacks and other refreshments and talking to them about important programs and events taking place, sometimes even job opportunities. We also give them a handout with a reference of programs that help youth and families. The main purpose of outreach is to establish a connection with the youth and help reduce the misfortunes that take place by being proactive and providing assistance. We also can advertise to them different and opportunities and events taking place that our organization or another’s may be hosting that will be of great use to the youth. We are actively looking for corporate sponsors and accept any community donations and volunteers. We accept chips, snacks, juices and other packaged, sealed and never opened products to distribute to the youth of Central Florida. If you can’t make it in person and wish to make a cash donation , you can go do so at <http://blackorlandounited.com/jointhemovement/> or <https://www.gofundme.com/let-your-voice-be-heard-comm-forum>. To view pictures and videos from our past youth after school outreach events please go to <http://letyourvoicbeheardinc.com/youthoutreach>.

YOUTH WORKSHOPS

Starting in July we will begin our youth workshops which will be a Saturday event (approx. 4 hours) which will feature motivational speaking, skits, live role plays, lessons, recreational activities, and more. This will serve as a Saturday recreational/educational event and will feature different subjects from Know Your Rights, Crime Prevention, mental health, anti-bullying, sexual and domestic abuse, learn how to build a business, finance security and more. We are inviting all volunteers and organizations to partner up with us in this effort. Each workshop will take place once a month and will feature a main session and a break out session which will be set up by the age of each group. This will serve a time where we can also bring in other groups and have an area where the youth and families can sign up for programs and services that other organizations may offer to. This will be done on a major scale and we are inviting corporate sponsors to collaborate with us on this project. If you wish to volunteer, help plan or have suggestions for this workshop series please email us.



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COMMUNITY OUTREACH WALK

We are continuing our daytime community outreach efforts. The last daytime outreach walk that took place was May 27th, 2017 at 6:30 pm meeting at Parramore community and meeting at Westmoreland and Conley st. close to the Jackson Community. We were able to conduct surveys about if life insurance, health insurance, restoration of rights, employment, food banks and more services were needed and are currently in the process of matching the participants with agencies that can assist them. Our next upcoming outreach walk will take place July 1st, 2017 and will be our 5th outreach walk of the 2017 year.

Our Community Outreach during the day is an opportunity for us to engage and interact with the residents of Central Florida. We will be walking through the shopping centers with newsletters, and conducting surveys for the community that ask questions about “do you need extra income, do you have life insurance, do you have food assistance, etc.” in hopes of finding solutions for the residents. The purpose of this is to engage the neighborhood, establish a presence and provide people with great resources for recreational and social services for the family and youth We will provide residents with information that can help benefit the home and in the future, we will like to conduct surveys and find out what needs can be met with the partners we have. We will continuously do this in different neighborhoods and we encourage people to interact as much as they can with whom ever they run into.

We are stronger together and we want to make sure we spread the best tools we can. We have white t shirts available for everyone to wear during these type of events (\$5 promotion for white shirts for wholesale price for attendants of the forum, in general shirts are \$9.99 and come black and white). In the future, we will set community outreach walks for the 2nd Saturday of the month in various locations (such as Pine Hills, Parramore, Carver Shores, Ivey Lane, Mercy Dr., etc.)



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COMMUNITY FOOD AND CLOTHING DRIVE

Our last food/clothing drive was March 18th, 2017 at 10L00am in collaboration with Saving Our Daughters Corp. It took place on the side street nearest the Downtown Homeless Coalition on Terry Ave. The nearest intersection is Central Ave. and Terry Ave. These food/clothing drives are meant to provide people and families with gently used and new clothes, canned goods, hot meals and other resourceful items such as work gloves, work boots, hats, umbrellas, winter and rain gear and more. We will also provide each attendant with a handout that gives key information about great youth and social service based programs that can meet many needs. We are accepting volunteers and donations of items to go towards the food/clothing drive such as canned goods, clothes, toys and more.

COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

Community workshops will have varying themes from mental health, grant writing, concealed weapon carry, realty, first time home buyer’s programs, credit repair, social awareness, Afro-centric cultural lessons and more. These will begin in April and recur each last Friday of every month. They are meant to be open to all ages and the themes are meant to empower each attendant on various levels. We encourage anyone who offers a professional service and is willing to help facilitate a community workshop to contact us. In the past, we have facilitated workshops that have helped the attendants on a mental, spiritual and financial level and hope to reach new aspects each month workshops are conducted. We will promote workshops at least 6 weeks out ahead.

COMMUNITY FUN DAY

Our community fun days will consist of days where we will have a concert/performance event, social events, a cookout style party for the neighborhoods, youth themed activities and more in which everyone is welcome to. We will have live music, food and drinks, bounce houses, characters for children, face painting, live performances from local dance and talent groups, skits and more. These days are meant to provide the youth with a recreational and safe event, as well as help showcase some of the talented individuals and groups we have in Central Florida. Our last community fun day was last year at Barnett Park and this year we will like to take it to a whole new level. We will also have a vending area in which program vendors for youth programs, social services, businesses and more can have a place to interact with all the attendants. The planning stage for the next community fun day has already commenced. It will take place on July 8th, 2017 at the Central Florida Fairgrounds. If you wish to help with the planning stage of this event, please email us.



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CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS

We can meet at Forums and among ourselves but unless we propose our ideas to the elected officials of the local government, changes will not be made. If we don’t attend meetings we can look up our local officials online and write them with our concerns, there is power in keeping records of our requests. However, we can attend meetings if we wish to do and it’s crucial that we conduct thorough research on each topic we present at meetings and deliver attainable and practical solutions.

Upcoming meetings for the City of Orlando Council meetings are taking place on July 10th, 2017 and July 24th, 2017. The City of Orlando Council meetings commence at 2:00pm in the Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 400 S. Orange Avenue. For additional information, please contact the City Clerk’s Office, 407.246.2251.

Upcoming meetings for the Orange County Board of County Commissioner meetings are July 11th, 2017 and August 1st, 2017. The Orange County Board of County Commissioners meetings take place at 9:00am at the Orange County Government Administration Center, 3rd Floor 201 S Rosalind Ave. We will attend the upcoming meetings and observe what takes place and report back to the next forum what has occurred and what our thoughts were. We encourage anyone who has the availability to come to the next meeting with us.

NEWSLETTER/APPAREL

We have begun to sell Let Your Voice Be Heard, Inc. apparel to help facilitate many of the events we conduct on a regular basis. All proceeds of apparel sales go towards costs for community efforts like afterschool youth outreach, workshops, community walks, fun days, food and drinks for the youth, trips, and more. APPAREL will be pre-ordered and delivered brand new. We now offer hoodies, skull caps, tshirts, tank tops, women shirts and more. Please visit www.letyourvoicebeheardinc.com/store for more information. Also, our Let Your Voice Be Heard, Inc. newsletter is still in effect and will be released on the 1st of the month beginning in July . We also will accept contributions to the newsletter. We want to advertise 3 mentoring/youth programs per month and different community events. We will distribute the newsletter digitally and physically. Please send any suggestions to info@letyourvoicebeheardinc.com

