



The Journal

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The Stellie J. Jackson Enrichment Center

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Blessed - We Are

We felt that it was necessary and appropriate to have a blessing and dedication to God before we officially started to work with the children in the center. The event took place on September 24th with a limited audience.

We are grateful to Pastor Gayle and her team, along with Reverend Stellie Jackson, for their prayers and inspirational message during our ceremony. Please keep all of our children and staff in your prayers.



A New Year and New Beginnings



Our intentions were to begin the SJJEC with a Big Bang this year!! With our beautiful new building, we were on our way to preparing to double our enrollment of students for the after school program which was one of our main goals. We had plans for a big grand opening celebration; great plans for our newly organized community choir; additional field trips and more. Of course, these plans could not take place this year because of the pandemic. They are not canceled, however, and we are waiting for time when it is safe to resume. In spite of the delay of our exciting goals for the Center, we have readjusted in compliance with the virus. For example, our enrollment must remain lim-

ited to maintain social distancing: certain activities are discontinued as singing, traveling, etc. These adjustments seem to be in opposition of our original plans but our staff is doing a great job in fulfilling the needs of the students socially, spiritually and academically. We are working even harder in creating innovative ways to spiritually inspire, encourage and motivate them to diligently work, embrace life and never give up!

We have had a great start in seeing our students become more enthusiastic and more involved. This is our intention and we are committed to working to meet the needs of each child. We thank all our donors for helping make this possible.



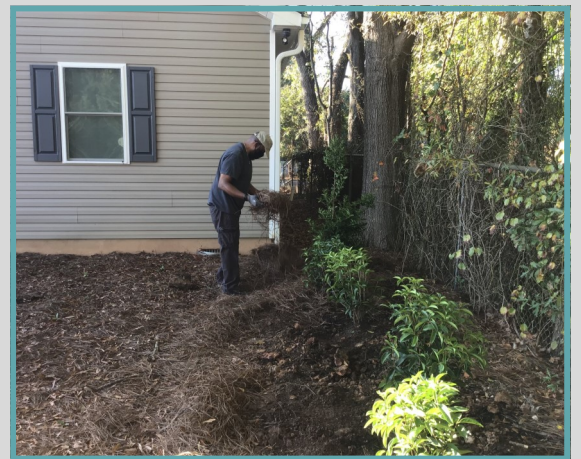
Thanks to a grant received from **"Keep York County Beautiful"**, together partnering with Habitat for Humanity and AmeriCorps NCCC, and Mayor Gregg "recruiting" volunteers, and local churches it only took a couple of hours to beautify the grounds around the Center.

We are especially grateful to Bruce Fraedrich for his diligence in designing the layout of the landscaping and suggesting flowers and plants that will add to the beauty of our campus. And for all persons who helped with the project, we extend a heartfelt thank you.



*"Where Flowers
Grow, So Does
Hope"*

-Lady Bird Johnson



And...We Are Off



The River Hills Lions Club takes donated bikes and completely refurbish them. They replace all necessary parts and clean them up so they are almost like new. They also make the bicycles safe for riding. The smaller bikes are given to younger children while the larger ones are sold.

Five of our students who did not have bikes gladly received them less than two weeks after we had announced that they could get one. One young man mentioned that his bike had recently been stolen and was overwhelmed to hear that he would soon get another. Each of the students were happy and appreciative to received those beautiful bikes. We want to give a special thanks to the Lions Club who took the precious time and repaired old donated bikes and transformed them to beautiful new ones thus putting a smile upon these precious students' faces!

Friendship Is Precious



Now that our beautiful new center has been built and is being enjoyed by the children in the after school program, we would like to encourage you to continue to support us financially on an annual basis.

We have created a "Circle of Friends" program that recognizes donors on a 'Circle of Friends Donors Tree'. When you make a financial contribution to the Center, your name will be printed on a leaf. This beautiful tree that was carved by a resident of Park Pointe Village, will be prominently displayed in the great room of the Center for all to see.

We are most appreciative to those who have joined our circle. Your support is phenomenal. It is a blessing to our children and for that we thank you for your support and consideration of the SJJEC.

Please consider joining our Circle of Friends by making a donation.

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Join Our Circle Today

