

ZENA'S HOUSE, INC.

WHERE YOUTH HAVE HOPE!



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WHAT IS ZENA'S HOUSE?



Zena C. Gyasi

Welcome to Zena's House (ZH) Where Youth Have Hope! ZH is named in memory and honor of Bernice Tannor's, Executive Director, sister, Zena C. Gyasi. Zena was a smart, bright, athletic and giving young lady. She died of complications from the lupus disease at the age of 17 but her memory, inspiration and sweet spirit lives on through this program and through those who had the privilege of knowing her.

ZH is a non-profit youth development program that provides academic enrichment and life skills workshops for boys and girls ages 11-13 (6th-8th grade). Our goal is to provide and empower students with the necessary skills, knowledge and understanding of topics and issues that will prepare them for a successful adult life. We provide a safe and fun environment for students to learn, grow and discuss issues that affect them.

ZENA'S HOUSE TOURS ATLANTA

ZH is moving right along! ZH coordinated its first field trip this June. ZH took 17 students on a tour of Atlanta. Flyers for the field trip were distributed at Bear Creek Middle School and a pre-field trip workshop was held for parents and students to inform them of what the trip would consist of.

ZH began the field trip with breakfast sandwiches donated by Mr. Mike Harrison of Chick Fila at Shannon Mall. We then headed out to Guildford Forest to see the "Home of the Stars" which included the homes of Kris Kross, Jermaine Dupri, Tupac Shakur's mother, Toni Braxton, and local news reporter Monica Kaufmann. The students were impressed by the beautiful homes and for some of them the visit was motivation for setting goals to work harder so that one day they too could have homes like the ones they saw. The ZH tour continued on to downtown Atlanta, Turner Baseball Field, Centennial Olympic Park, the Martin Luther King Center, the CNN Center, the Atlanta University Center—Morehouse, Spelman, and Clark Atlanta. The tour ended at the World of Coca-Cola where the students were able to taste the many different flavors of Coca-Cola products from all over the world. The students had a great time and were eager to do more. The tour bus and guide was provided by Metro Tour Shuttle.



What's Going On At Zena's House?

ZH is Awarded \$500 from Wal-Mart



A \$500 Good Works Grant was awarded to ZH at the Wal-mart Super Center Grand Opening Reception in Union City, GA. Bernice Tannor, Executive Director, Angela Bumphus, Board Secretary and Dr. Cornelia White, supporter, were all in attendance at the reception to receive the award.

Zena's House Sponsors Two Students to Attend Girl's Empowerment Camp with AGU, Inc.

Arrienne Williams and Brooke Johnson each received a \$75 scholarship from ZH to attend the Girls Empowerment Camp sponsored by All Grown Up, Inc. (AGU, Inc.).

AGU, Inc is a non profit organization for young ladies. They provide workshops and constructive outlets for junior and high school girls. For more information on AGU, Inc. call 404-870-8511



The young ladies were required to write a report about their week.

Brooke: "The AGU summer camp was the most exciting week of the summer. I especially loved our daily girl talks.... On our last girl talk we were surprised with a visit from Chili of TLC. She signed autographs and spoke to us about different things. In this camp I was taught how to get along with my peers and other girls. I was taught how to deal with "drama". Every morning my mom would wake me and my little sister up at 6am but it did not bother me because I knew my day would fun-filled."

Arrienne: "My week with AGU has been wonderful. I enjoyed every minute of it. The teachers and the staff have been very nice and very helpful. They guide you through tough situations and lead you into an easy way out. I have learned so much.... We also got to watch parts of the movie 'Supersize Me' and after seeing parts of the movie, it makes you not want to eat at 'certain' fast food restaurants."



25- passenger bus donated to Zena's House!

1993 Ford E350 25 passenger bus from Love and Quality Day Care (Elizabeth Manko) was donated to ZH! We will use the bus take our students on fields trips.

Thank you Ms. Manko!

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What's Going On At Zena's House?

Zena's House partners with Bear Creek Middle School

ZH wrote a proposal to Bear Creek to form a partnership. The Principal, Dr. Sandra DeShazier, Social Worker, Mr. Grady Davis and Counselor, Mr. Ronnie Andrews, feels ZH is a much needed program that will benefit their students. Dr. DeShazier invited ZH to participate in their grant writing session with Comprehensive Grant Solutions who write grants for Fulton County schools. ZH is excited and honored to be a part of the Bear Creek family.

ZH will be incorporated into Bear Creeks AFTER 3 program. The program provides math and reading tutoring to students in preparation for the CRCT, standardized test, scheduled for April 2006. 20 students has been selected to participate in a 11+-week pilot program that will start in September and run through April. ZH will also have monthly workshops for the parents of the students in the program. It is vital to keep parents involved in the learning process. Our first workshop entitled "Learning to Communicate with Your Child" will be presented by Dr. Leslie Dauphin, educator and microbiologist and author of the Germ Handbook.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) donates 17 computers to ZH!

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention gives schools and non-profit organizations any excess computers and printers the agency may have. Zena's House was able to review the property with the help of Bernice Tannor's co-worker, Bruce Bowden, to identify some of the better computers and printers. ZH donated 4 computers to Inline Student Ministry and 5 to Victory in Education -- both ministries at World Changers Church International.

Back 2 School Block Party

World Changers Church International held a Back 2 school Block Party for church members and the community. Ms. Tannor, member of WCCI, along with Victory in Education and Inline Students ministries at WCCI assisted with the planning and implementation of the event. The event consisted of Hepatitis C presentation and screening, parent and student workshops including a gang violence and prevention workshop presented by Clayton County Solicitors Generals Office. Over 300 bags of school supplies were given to students as well as 2 Gateway laptops, a PSP, and 20 inch TV. The Inline Student Ministries praise team held mini concerts and contests during the event.

Presenters: Kantis Simmons, Dr. Leslie Dauphin, Dr. Latonya Sharpe, Ms. Kelli McClain

Coordinators: Felicia Williams, Antoinette Sibley, Bernice Tannor

ZH Holds Training for Volunteers

The training consisted of a True Colors trainer, Ms. Isha Edwards who helps volunteers identify their personality style by a color and informs them how to use that information to assess students' personality styles as well as how to encourage and motivate them.

Our volunteers come from various backgrounds-law, accounting, business owners.

Attendees: Argo Williams, Dante Hudson, Derek Petgrave, Roslyn Thomas,

Regina Page, Alfreda Lindsey, Kendra Brooks



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You can also consider making monthly donations.
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From the Executive Director:

Zena=Blessings! The support for Zena's house has been overflowing and overwhelming. Praise God. When people hear Zena's House, they think blessing and that is exactly what my little sister Zena was—a blessing! She was the glue in our family. She brought laughter and encouragement to us all. I am happy to have this program in honor of her life and contribution.

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