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*Rising Stars Experience (RISE)*

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*In collaboration with*

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## **RISING STARS EXPERIENCE (RISE)**

### **A Positive Alternative to the School to Prison Pipeline**

- WHAT:** Launch - The Rising Stars Experience (RISE)
- WHEN:** Saturday, December 8, 2012, (10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.)
- WHAT:** Commissioning of volunteers and mentors
- WHEN:** Sunday, December 2, 2012, (10:30 a.m.)
- WHERE:** St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Bronx, New York
- WHO:** Community of Faith/Local Community and School Collaborative

### **RISING STARS PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

- START DATE:** Saturday, January 26, 2013
- END DATE:** June 30, 2015
- SCHEDULE:** Wednesdays: 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

## **RISING STARS PROGRAM DETAILS**

### **PURPOSE OF RISE**

To provide a wholesome positive environment of learning for young people as an alternative to the school to prison pipeline

### **Marks of Mission:**

- 1 -To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- 3- To respond to human need by loving service

### **The Program will comprise of:**

15 students (male and female) (8) 7-10 year olds; (7) 11-14 year olds

Parents/Guardians

5 mentors – one for every three students

Program Staff

Executive Director

Volunteers

Caretaker

Kitchen staff

### **PREPARATION:**

Train all program personnel for their respective roles and duties

Complete and submit information for background checks

Train for Safe guarding God's Children

Invite specialized Visiting Presenters

Invite shadowing partnerships

Prepare and sign guidelines and covenants for participation

Have forms signed:

Rising Stars Experience Enrollment Forms, Health Care and Insurance Forms, Mentor/Mentee Application, Parent/Student/RISE Covenants, Electronic Device Policy, Program Policies and Guidelines, Field Permission Slips, more...

## PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Mentor Orientation

December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012

Commissioning for congregation, mentors, volunteers

December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Rising Stars Launch

January, 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Training: Safe Guarding God's Children

January, 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

Orientation & meeting for students, parents/guardians, mentors, volunteers

January 26<sup>th</sup>

Start Date

Get acquainted

Discuss:

- Rising Stars Experience (RISE)

- Its purpose and desired outcomes

- Issues and the impact on students

- The role of parents/guardians in the life of the student

- The role of parents/guardians in students' participation

- Importance of child readiness for school

- Parent/guardian responsibility for continuing participation (This is our program; we are in this together)

# Rising Stars Experience (RISE) Programmatic Initiatives

## Shadowing Component

A day in the world of work with mentors

Share experience of day in the world of work

**GOAL** – Engage fifteen students between the ages of seven and fourteen both male and female in tutoring and conversations to develop proficiency in the following areas:

Public speaking & Presentation skills

Discuss Values to live By developed by Reverend Ifill

Share school day experience

Talk about the effects of Bullying

Learn to play the steel band

Involvement in other arts and crafts activities

Problem solving skills

Conflict management

Negotiations

Anger management skills

Storytelling

Creative writing

Continued...

Entrepreneurship

Upgraded technology

Investment portfolios

Journaling

Individual conversations with mentors

Field Trips - (museum visits, plays, games, etc.)

Board games: Chess, Scrabble

Soccer, Tennis, Gym, Ping pong, more...

### **Parent Responsibility**

Parent/teacher meetings

Monthly parent/student gatherings

### **Summer experience**

Enroll students in a summer program

Have them share their experience with one another

### **Ongoing Evaluations**

#### **Quarterly Social Event**

To be decided by the students

#### **Commencement Celebration**

To include students, parents, guardians, family and friends to be planned by the students