

December 2009 E-newsletter

Please support our students by making your year-end donation today [online](#) or mailing a donation to: Winning Futures, 27500 Cosgrove, Warren, MI 48092.

If the United State's dropout rate remains the same for the next 10 years, the result will be a loss to the nation of \$3 trillion.

Currently, young people who make poor decisions cost Michigan millions each year. Michigan spends \$31,000 per prisoner annually.

On a positive note, it only costs us \$1,200 per year to mentor and help a student get on the track to a successful future.

Together, let's take a proactive approach to youth!

Happy Holidays!

Kris Marshall
President & CEO

Harper Woods Mentors Needed



We have openings for female mentors for our Harper Woods High School all-girls mentoring program. Mentoring will take place on Tuesdays starting in January from 11:30am till 12:30pm.

All mentors are trained prior to starting the structured, activity-based program.

Contact Laurie at laurie@winningfutures.org by December 14th to learn more or sign up by completing a mentor application. Simply click here, [Mentor Application](#), to get started.

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Winning Futures' Amazing Volunteers

We are excited to introduce our two AmeriCorps Vista members for the 2009-2010 school year, Michele Karl (right) and Shernitha Gray (left). AmeriCorps Vista members are full-time office volunteers who receive small stipends for their service from the federal government.



Michele is a past Winning Futures mentor and a retired Office Manager for Towne Mortgage. She has a passion to serve youth and a deep desire to make a lasting positive impact on our community. This is Michele's first year of service.

We welcome Shernitha back for her third year of service! Shernitha assists us with by preparing materials and supplies for all programs, assisting in the mentoring classroom, and tracking students' scores. Her skills and strong work ethic enable us to best support students, mentors, and general volunteers. We are so grateful Shernitha has decided to stay on our team for one more year.

Red Wings Volunteers Needed

Winning Futures was selected by the Detroit Red Wings Foundation to sell 50/50 raffle tickets at the game on Thursday, January 14th (vs. Carolina). We will receive a portion of the funds raised that night!

We need 15-20 volunteers to arrive at the arena at 5:15pm and sell tickets until the first intermission. Then, you will receive a wrist-band to stay and watch the game.

Please contact Kris at kris@winningfutures.org if you are interested in volunteering.

Sponsor Highlight - Patrick Photographic Studios





Patrick Photographic Studios has supported Winning Futures since we were founded in 1994. Their photographs have captured many memories and inspirational moments. From student scholarship ceremonies to mentor appreciation events, their services have supported our youth and volunteers as they develop a more promising future for our community.

On Saturday, December 5th from 10am to 2pm bring in a bag of non-perishable food items to Patrick Photographic Studios and have your picture taken with Santa Clause for free. The day will be filled with fun including light snacks and drinks.

Patrick Photographic Studios is located at 32211 Mound Road, Warren, MI 48092. If you have additional questions, call the studio at 586-268-6440.

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