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July 11, 2018

To: Vision of the Healthier Congregations Team

From: Rochelle McDaniel, Chair,  
Church & Community Ministry Team

Re: 2017 Congregation or Community Agency Grant  
Six-month report

When we applied for the grant in October 2017 our outreach program was focused on teen mothers, at the same time women in their 20's were showing interest in the group. We were having less contact with the teen mothers and more participation from the 20's. We have seven mothers in the group with children aged from 8 months to 12 years old.

Our \$1,500.00 grant request included funds for child care and we were able to hire a certified child care provider. The number of children varies each month and we may have one or two, or three to four who need to be cared for. The Church and volunteers continue to provide food and snacks each month. Our Young Women and Mothers Ministry has a face book account and can be found under TEPC. Through the grant we have been able to provide limited transportation to attend the monthly meetings, and purchase supplies for projects.

Each month there is a topic for discussion or a speaker to provide information about training, employment opportunities or affordable housing. One of the mothers got involved with the Urban League Housing Program, moved into one of their units, and is not interested in the home ownership program. This young lady is highly motivated, works for Staples from her home, and is a talented writer. Attached is a copy of one of her poems.


Several mothers expressed an interest in writing, one wants to sing and writes her own songs, another mother is in danger of losing sight in one eye, and the caring she receives from the group helps her to cope with this diagnosis. One thing they all have in common is they want to be good and responsible mothers.

In February 2018 the topic for discussion was "what's Love Got to do with It" (a copy of this flyer is Attached). This got their attention and they could not stop talking about their experiences and recognizing the difference between healthy and unhealthy relationships. The group continues to work on building healthy relationships.

We know this group is important to the women who attend because at our June meeting one of the mothers asked why we couldn't we meet more that once a month.

We thank the committee for supporting this ministry with young women and mothers who are building self esteem, learning how to make responsible decisions, and moving forward with confidence.

Submitted by:

  
Rochelle McDaniel, Chairperson  
Church & Community Ministry Team

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RIGHT NOW  
By: W. Randall

RIGHT NOW,  
There's a young girl dreaming of stars and pretty pink things,  
Who doesn't know she will be forced to grow up in about 10 seconds.

RIGHT NOW,  
There's a young girl bawling in front of her bathroom mirror because she thinks she is ugly,  
Nothing she does is good enough  
Can't cope with harsh words from peers  
They seem to appear on her worst days so she starts construction on her outer self-body  
Not small enough  
Eating herself into mental comas  
Painting her skin with different colors to blend in with other cultures  
Self-hate is real

RIGHT NOW,  
There is a girl being buried.

RIGHT NOW,  
There is no one telling them they are perfectly made in "I Am's" perfect image

Teach them to hold their heads up and say "I am"  
Teach them self-pride  
Little girls should be seen and not heard  
Keep your legs crossed when sitting down  
Take your hand off your hips  
Take your thumb out of your mouth  
You'll create a bridge you can't get rid of  
Don't fall for temptation  
Take pride in knowing you are precious

Do yourself a favor and look up to the moon  
Use it as motivation to move you  
Let it mold you into jokes of diversity  
Wish upon your thoughts and let the skies guide you  
Let the precipitation of your thoughts uplift your burdens  
You, are not a burden.

Emulate your truth  
Let the truth of your mind be divided into good grace  
Have memorials of yourself to show improvement  
Shine and live

Right Now -2-

Don't let bad luck your stories  
Let your words hit thunder to strike a light in someone's life to show how special you are  
Make up different terms  
Be a GATSBY GIRL  
BE A GIFTED AND TALENTED YOUNG WOMAN  
Find your talent and sell that  
Not your body  
You are a token  
Don't give yourself for free

Don't let diamonds control you  
They don't last forever  
But gems and pearls to  
Be moved by evolution and evolve

Little girl do yourself a favor and look up to the moon  
Saving one little girl at a time

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**793 Jefferson Avenue  
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**Young Women & Mother's  
SEMINAR**

**1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2018**

***Theme: "What's Love Got To Do With It!"***

***Come join us on Saturday to  
share your hopes and dreams  
for 2018***

***Lunch and Child care will be  
provided***

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