

FREEDOM SCHOOL PROGRAM

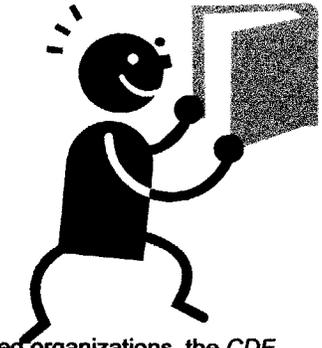
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LOCATION: WESTBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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The *Freedom Schools* program provides summer enrichment through a model curriculum that supports children and families around five essential components:

1. High quality academic enrichment
2. Parent and family involvement
3. Social action and civic engagement
4. Intergenerational servant leadership development
5. Nutrition, health and mental health



In partnership with faith institutions, schools, colleges and universities, and community based organizations, the *CDF Freedom Schools* program **boosts student motivation to read**, generates more positive attitudes toward learning, and connects the needs of children and families to the resources of their communities.

College age young adults are trained as servant leader interns to deliver the integrated reading curriculum (IRC) and adults are trained as site coordinators and project directors to provide supervision and administrative oversight.

CDF Freedom Schools program sites are safe and restorative learning spaces where:

- children are surrounded by caring adults and college age young adults from their community (at a classroom ratio of 1:10) who share their enthusiasm for learning and reading, and commit to serving them as authentic mentors;
- children read high quality books and are engaged in learning activities that are appropriate to their developmental needs and interests;
- each day begins with "Harambee!," a 30-minute activity to celebrate and affirm the value of each participant and prepare for work and learning ahead
- children receive two nutritious meals and a healthy snack each day in the summer model and nutritious snacks during the after-school program;
- parents are engaged as site volunteers and participate in weekly workshops on children's developmental needs, civic responsibility, and other topics of interest;
- children are encouraged and supported to dream, set goals for themselves, and cultivate positive attitudes and high expectations;
- young people whose lives have been interrupted and impacted by crises receive consistent, daily service to better understand themselves, their situations, each other, and their potential; and
- families have access to free and high quality childcare

Enroll your child, today!