



## **PERFORMANCE PROJECTIONS OF 2010-11 INITIATIVES**

### **MASTER CLASS GED/College Prep (Create INC-Harlem, Winter/Spring Cycles**

Master Class launched its first class in January 2009; held within the confines of a residential drug treatment center. It runs for a 15-week period with a student teacher ratio of 15:1, and instructs men of varied academic ability. The MASTER CLASS is not open to the general public; it is opened to those who reside within the Create Residential Treatment Program. The average baseline reading levels of the attendees is 4<sup>th</sup> grade. The academic improvement ranged from 2 to 4 reading levels. Though the level of attainment indicates that the men could benefit from continued remedial study, MASTER CLASS resulted in reading and math scores that evidenced positive impact on the men that completed the cycle. This initiative has been graciously supported by The Union Settlement Association; a multi-service Human Service Organization and Create Incorporated; a residential drug treatment center. Spring cycle begins February, 2011 within the Create Incorporated program.

### **THE CENTER STAGE Residential Programs City Wide, February 2011 - ongoing**

Principle Partners for the 2009-2010 Center Stage were; The Doe Fund – New York, ARC-Harlem, Create Incorporated Youth - Harlem, The Gibb Residence –Brooklyn. The 2010-11 season will visit new locations in order to establish new partnerships; New York City Department of Corrections-Rikers Island, The Vernon C. Bain Center, and the Rose M. Singer Facility. The event is a “Road Show” where the workshops are presented inside correctional facilities and residential or day treatment programs. Pursuant to the administration’s request, the instruction is designed to specifically address the respective location and its program needs.

### **THE REAL WORK INITIATIVE- ongoing**

Participants in our programs often contact us with other issues. Interpersonal and employment are major concerns. To this end 500 MEN has begun to employ individuals to work as the required crew for the load in and breaking down of our events. These individuals are paid and evaluated for future employment and re-hire. Moreover, men are counseled and afforded resume preparation for employment in the larger sphere. This initiative acts as a conduit to community reentry into the work force for the formerly incarcerated as well as for the youth. In either case, it offers the opportunity and the much needed stipend for those we serve.

### **500 MEN FUTURES- October 2011**

A major response this year has been from families and youth. This has given rise to our developing a youth initiative entitled 500 MEN FUTURES; a youth mentoring, employment preparatory for males under 21 years of age. To launch the initiative we have talented individuals who will lead, and administrate our program specifically for young men in difficult places in their development. Our initial thrust will be to re-design some of our already existing initiatives for youth ...i.e.: Master Class, and Center Stage. The employment element will be fostered with the cooperation of Touro College and contracted job developers by way of an event that will provide employment opportunities.

### **THE EMPOWERMENT SUMMIT- June 2011**

Our flagship event will occur June 2011 at the Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine. We are privileged to partner with this educational institution. With this association comes the use of a state of the art facility and national exposure. The Summit will feature workshops, networking, business opportunities and refreshment. Immediately following the Summit in the same location will be **The 500 MEN JOB FAIR**. This segment of the full day of events will offer job opportunities and showcase community resources, treatment providers, and community entrepreneurs. Assemblages of employers are available with interest in hiring individuals with hard to place histories. This initiative continues to provide a viable community service. In this the sixth year, it has established 500 MEN as the “go to” organization for solid information and opportunities. The 500 MEN Empowerment Summit and Job Fair returns...be in the number!!!

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**THE 500 MEN EMPOWERMENT GALA: 2012**

This grand black tie event is the major fund raiser for the 500 MEN Organization. It is projected for the beginning for the beginning of the 2011-12 fiscal year. Recognition will be awarded to individuals who were instrumental in 500's development and those of marked achievement given their mastery of the reentry process. All of our work throughout 2011 supports the development of this event. **This event is open to the general public.**

**THE 500 MEN RETREAT – 2012\***

This will be the first of our efforts in this area. The event provides a natural transition towards assisting men in moving to a different place, towards re-inventing themselves beyond reproach. Participating programs are providing scholarship for three of their graduating clients for a complete two night experience. Attendees will receive intensive mental and physical exercises in independent thinking, trust, decision making, and spiritual development. Men will learn to build upon and sustain the changes they have already made. **This event is open to the General public.**

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