

NEWSLETTER

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Feature Story

Creating a Neighborhood Playground

Save Our Youth embarked on a journey to create a safe neighborhood playground back in the fall of 2023. We have taken an abandoned lot at 107 Lincoln Ct., Jackson, where a house had been torn down and developed into an eye sore and gradually turned it into a viable playground for the children of a local south side Jackson community. It has been a labor of love, dedication, and

persistence to bring our vision to completion. Thanks to so many businesses, foundations, and individuals for believing in our mission and donating time, talents, and treasure to making this happen. Please consider joining us for our official ribbon cutting ceremony on June 24th at 1:00 pm. We will have a bounce house for the littles and refreshments & several raffles for this dedication.

Thank You To Our Generous Sponsors



Mentor's Message



Hot fun in the summertime! This is the name of a song written by Sylvester Stone of Sly and the Family Stone group. This song represents what the culture in our society used to be as opposed to our current culture which promotes violence among our youth. Some of us do not believe in time capsules however, for those who do, understand the importance of looking back and knowing where we come from.

As a mentor, I love sharing positive memories.

Quick Updates



Ribbon Cutting: Youth Lives Matter Playground
Wednesday June 24th @ 1:00 pm



Meet-Up-Eat-Up – Youth Lives Matter Playground, 107 Lincoln Ct., Jackson - Monday-Friday at 1:00 PM - From June 29th thru August 14th



Detroit Tigers Baseball Game: Sunday July 26th. See our website for sign up and details

Serving Youth

Providing Drivers Training

Save Our Youth has registered our second round of youth drivers training education. Upon receiving a grant from the Jackson Community Foundation, we launched this new program and were amazed at the interest from the community. The first session filled quickly and a waiting list was created. Thanks to one of our partners, True Community Credit Union, we were able to offer a second round that has also filled up quickly. There is an obvious need for this in our community, and we are seeking additional funding to continue providing this service.

Searching for Local Business Partnerships

Save Our Youth has recently modified our Youth Work Program to include financial education and provide the soft skills required to obtain gainful employment. We have renamed it **"Youth Career Mentorship Program"** to highlight the mentoring aspect of it. We have received funding to expand this successful program and have several teens on a waiting list until we can partner with more Jackson business owners.

If you are a local business owner, or know one interested in providing 10 hours of work per week for local teens, please contact us. Save Our Youth pays the wages of teens enrolled in this program so there is no financial obligation from the business. Our business partners provide valuable opportunities for youth and work closely with us to provide any mentoring needed to set them up for success as adults.

Recognizing



Harold (Jock) White for his 2025 Impact Volunteer Award. Congratulations Jock!

Education - Robotics

Our Robotics Program is gaining momentum and we are in search of a community member who would be interested in sharing his/her knowledge in this growing field. We offer several robotics kits for youth to build and are looking to expand into an 18-24 year old robotic arm programming course geared to lead young adults into this expanding technology. Please share with anyone whom you believe could be qualified and interested in educating our young people.



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