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*“Without education, you are not going anywhere in this world” Malcolm X*



The Search Institute ([www.search-institute.org](http://www.search-institute.org)) is an independent, nonprofit organization that studies and promotes strategies for healthy development for children and youth. Through their research, 40 develop-

mental assets have been identified as the building blocks that help young people grow up healthy, caring and responsible. Communities, schools and afterschool programs that study and incorporate these 40 assets in their programs and activities

see positive outcomes in their member's lives, including success in school, maintaining good health, being a leader, and avoiding high-risk behaviors such as alcohol use, violence, and sexual activity.

*Search Institute's "Profile of Student Life: Attitudes and Behaviors Survey," during 1999-2000 school year, surveyed 200,000 young people in grades 6-12 across the country. Of those students, only 8 percent who experienced 0-10 assets reported getting mostly A's in school. In comparison, 46 percent of those who experi-*

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## Parent's Message



My Name is Tannia Fassett and my children Joshua and Jerimiah have been a part of the Restore program for quite awhile now. Jerimiah who is my oldest of the two boys has been at the program longer, the Restore program has really played a big role in my son's life. It taught him how to be

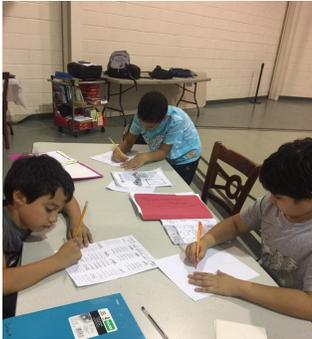
more confident in himself and also helped him get out of his shell. He was shy at first but being around other kids has really made him open up more. The Restore program has really been like a second family to our children, the dedication and commitment and love they show all the children at the program is really special. The kids especially like it because of all the different experiences they've had and all the educational field trips they have been on. They also like all the activities in the Restore program.

I especially like Restore because they care about our children's education. They provide tutoring for any kid who needs the extra help. This year my children were able to experience a week away summer camp at Camp Johnsonburg. With financial help of the Host Church, they really enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to going again next year. I just want Ms. Ximena and Mr. Bagby to know that I am very grateful to them and all that they do for the youth in our communities.

Fassett Family

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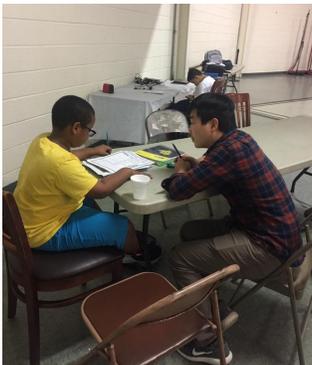
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**Homework Time!**

**“Education is the movement from darkness to light.”**

*Allan Bloom*



**Scott (Volunteer of Phillips66) tutoring Joshua**



**Upcoming Event**  
 October 30th.  
**Fall Carnival**  
 4:00PM to 6:30PM  
 Community, Family and Friends are invited!  
 Please Join Us

ence 31-40 assets got mostly A’s. Another example from the 200,000 surveyed was young people who engaged in three or more acts of fighting, hitting, injuring a person, carrying a weapon, or threatening physical harm in the past 12 months. Of those students, 61 percent who experience 0-10 assets engaged in three or more acts of violence as compared to 7 percent of those who experience 31 to 40 assets. (The Asset Activist Toolkit pp 250)

The Search Institute is

just one of the myriad of books, institutional studies and lectures on positive youth outcomes in high quality community and afterschool organizations.

For success and better student outcomes, we in

the community need to come to the realization that afterschool programs cannot do it alone. Youth development programs, business, religious institutions and policy makers will have to form concerted efforts in supporting

youth and their organizations that are meeting the ongoing needs of providing more than just a place to hang out for our young people.



**Giovanni, Anthony and Joshua (HS students)**

**Executive Director’s Message**

Our time with our seniors will quickly pass. They are on their way to transitioning into their colleges and careers. As we continue to serve and minister to our seniors on the one hand, we also are putting into place programs and activities that have been proven to engage our younger members, encourage better school performance, and increase life and social skills.

“Restore is a safe-haven” says Ximena

Carrasco, Restore’s Program Director. “However, we are providing more than safety from the streets. We have a proven method for our members to learn the skills needed to be successful in school and in life. Many of our parents cannot pay for after school care. Without us, our kids would have nowhere to go.”

Many federally funded programs and services are facing cuts as Congress and present administration start negotiations

over the 2018 federal budget. Their goal is to shrink the federal government’s role in education. They’re arguing that the programs don’t boost student achievement like they’re supposed to. If the cuts happen, it will affect federally funded after-school programs, known formally as 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers, Local Art Grants, and the Community Development Block Grants.

Restore is not a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center. However, we do receive Local Arts Grants and

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Community Development Block Grants. Cutting or eliminating these two grants will have a negative affect on our students. Well-off families can pay for private tutoring, homework help, robotics, summer sleep away camps and the like. Many of our kids only get those services through Restore.

At Restore, we connect with our members, find out their interest and talents and direct donations towards nurturing those interest and talents. Juan is in the ninth grade. Last summer he volunteered

when I was the cook at our summer program. His interest peaked as he learned how to scramble restaurant style looking eggs. He asked me to speak to his mom and dad about his interest in cooking. Tony, who is a senior, wants to be a marine biologist. We got a grant to help him and his father attend a one-day seminar at the Camden Aquarium. We have 16 students in grades 2-8 who are on the honor roll at their schools. We have special honor roll incentives and trips. For all our members, we have the homework center, the reading club and our

annual vocabulary challenge and science weeks.

Fortunately, we are not depended on the federal government, but the prospects of a potential \$20,000 cut in programs will be devastating. As we enter twenty-four years of service, we are grateful that our donors have faithfully supported Restore with their prayers, volunteer efforts and finances. It is because of you that we can provide high quality afterschool and summer programs and

activities to our growing membership. It is because of you that we have staff and volunteers who can connect with each child and teenager who enters our building. It is because of you that we can weather the financial challenges and achieve our yearly goals. It is because of you we can carry our mission to realize the potential of our members and maximize their achievements so they can reach their academic, life and eventual career goals.

Thank you,  
Linwood

## *Program Director's Message*

I usually give an update of our programing, but Linwood's article touches on the subject more. I would love to add other aspects that makes Restore a safe and successful after-school program.

We focus on education, homework center time is mandatory, achieving great results but part of that is as well, believing on a emotional intelligence. It may sounds crazy but it works!

At Restore, our programs are planned and provide a healthy atmosphere where our children feel safe, can find aca-

demic support, and someone to trust outside of their homes. The adults are always giving the extra mile at all times. Parents are involved at Restore..

We support not only our members, but we extend our care to their families. Yesterday a parent came to me to share a difficult situation where one of our children were involved. Seeing her cry I felt powerless to help and heart broken because the situation was out of my reach. She said to me "I'm telling you this because I consider you

part of my family" The only reason, I am sharing this private moment with you because I want you to have a better idea about how we go the extra mile.

Social skills, empathy and motivation are some of the aspects that make emotional intelligence take place and allow our members acquire the capacity to recognize their own emotions and values, that will help them become independent and well educated, individuals in society.

Linwood and I value and love our children that if we need to go one or two extra miles for

them. It doesn't matter. Also, Linwood mentions in his article that a group of our High schoolers are graduating this year. Time goes so fast.. I am excited to see them pursue their dreams, going to college and becoming professionals even though for us it won't be easy to see them leave.

Restore's mission will be accomplished once more, giving us faith and strength to continue our work with our younger members.

Thank you for your support,  
*Ximena Carrasco*

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### **STUDENT PROFILE** *Joshua and Jerimiah F.*



**REALIZING...  
POTENTIAL...  
MAXIMIZING...  
ACHIEVEMENT...**

*My name is Jerimiah Fassett. I am 14 years old, I'm a freshman in the 9th grade. I attend John E. Dwyer High School of Technology. I've been attending Restore for 8 years. I heard about Restore from my Mother so I went to see if I would liked it. Restore means everything to me because I wouldn't be where I am with out them. Restore influenced me to become a more mature teen with responsibilities. I have not invited anyone to Restore but I'm still looking forward to inviting some good friends. I plan to continue to go to Restore during high school and if I go to a local college I will volunteer as much as I can.*

*Jerimiah F.*

*Hi, my name is Joshua. I am 9 years old. I am in third grade. My brother Jerimiah was going to Restore and every time we dropped him off, I wanted to stay but I couldn't because I was not old enough. I waited patiently until I turned 7 to be a member of Restore. I've been going to Restore for two years now. Restore means a lot to me, they help me with my homework. I made a lot of friends. I invited my friend Rose to come to Restore. I think I will attend Restore into my high school years. You should really come and visit us!!*

*Joshua F.*