

Good Neighborhoods Locations



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The Skillman Foundation's Good Neighborhoods program is a 10-year \$100-million program that provides full-scale support to six Detroit neighborhoods where 65,000 children live.

Brightmoor Community Goal:

All Brightmoor youth will have access to and participate in a range of year-round programs during non-school hours that encourage academic growth and positive social development.

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Cody/Rouge Community Goal:

All children live in a village where they are safe, healthy, educated and have access to unlimited resources.

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BUILDING EDUCATED LEADERS FOR LIFE

The BELL Foundation, Inc.
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The BELL Foundation operates a year-long enrichment program for inner-city elementary school children across the country. It was founded in 1992 by black Harlem Law School students with the mission, "Every child, when provided academic skills and mentoring, can achieve success in life." BELL exists to dramatically increase the academic achievements, self-esteem and life opportunities of children living in low-income, urban communities.

A one-year, \$100,000 Skillman grant to BELL will provide 100 students with academic tutoring in literacy, math, mentoring and social enrichment at Harding Elementary School in Brightmoor. This program is aligned with the Foundation's Children's High Achievement strategy and supports the goal of readying students for success in higher education.

BELL has a proven record of increasing student achievements through out-of-school educational programs. They combine social enrichment and mentorship with its rigorous, academic-focused after-school program. There is tremendous potential within all children, BELL believes. So, the mission continues.

CODY/ROUGE'S FAMILY FUN DAY WITH A PURPOSE

The Cody/Rouge Strong Families action planning team hosted its 1st Annual Family Fun Day on Saturday, Aug. 16 at St. Suzanne Faith & Friendship Center. More than 800 community residents came out for food, games, prizes, horseback riding, basketball tournaments, face painting, and to learn about resources for the family. Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Don Bosco Hall and Big Brothers Big Sisters, all youth received back packs and school supplies just in time for the new school year.

The Cody/Rouge action planning team is a collaboration of residents, churches, youth, local business owners and non-profit agencies. During the family event, surveys were completed by participants in order to get clarity around the needs of families who live in the area. Topics included financial literacy, home ownership, teen issues, substance abuse, parenting skills and others. Wrap-around services will be offered to families who have been identified as needing assistance on desired topics.

The team's ultimate goal: A strong family in Cody/Rouge will create a village concept that provides affordable housing, life-educational skills, quality childcare, youth and family programs, health care, social survival skills and other resources. For more information about the Strong Families action planning team, contact Khadijah Shabazz, resident convener, at 248.688.5819.



Captured by their lovely smiles, Tahjiae' Williams (L) and Shayla Davis share a friendly hug.



Jimmy Buchanan, from the Buffalo Soldiers Heritage Center in Rouge Park, led eager kids around on horse rides.

NORTHEND COMMUNITY MEETING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

Detroit International Academy 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
(The old Detroit Northern High School building) 9026 Woodward Ave.

Dinner at 5:30 | Free childcare and tutoring for kids 12 and younger
If you live or work in the Northend community, we urge you to participate!

Learn more about the Skillman Foundation and its Good Neighborhoods program at www.skillman.org