

Good Neighborhoods Locations



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KIDS MATTER HERE

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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CCS is recognized as a world leader in art and design education, preparing students to enter the new, global economy where creativity shapes better communities and societies. The College enrolls more than 1,300 students seeking Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees in 11 majors. CCS also offers non-credit courses in the visual arts through its Continuing Education programs and annually provides over 3,000 high-risk Detroit youth with art and design education through Community Arts Partnerships programs.

The College educates visual artists and designers, knowledgeable in varied fields, who will be leaders in creative professions that shape society and advance economic growth. CCS is committed to investing in the community. Outreach programs such as Continuing Education classes, school and neighborhood art programs, Center Galleries exhibitions, and the Woodward Lecture Series, contribute to the cultural vitality of Detroit and southeast Michigan by extending benefits of the College to the entire metropolitan area.

Armed with the final \$150,000 of a two-year, \$300,000 grant from the Foundation, a successful, youth development program that provides multidisciplinary arts opportunities for youth in the Brightmoor community will be supported. The College expanded its arts programs to meet the needs of interested and talented Detroit youth who have limited access to advanced arts education.



A Master at work creating his design.

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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CODY/ROUGE

Youth Council spends a day on Capitol Hill

With the generous sponsorship of the DTE Energy Foundation and The Skillman Foundation, the Cody Rouge Youth Council had an opportunity to experience a thrilling and educational day on Capitol Hill in Lansing.

Michigan's Children 2008 Youth Legislative Day was a learning experience for a diverse group of approximately 80 young people from Southeast Michigan. The students received policy-making training, and participated in a luncheon discussion with policymakers and lobbyists. They were able to role play the functions of legislators in the House Chambers and committee rooms of the Capitol, which included drafting, researching, debating and voting upon legislation of mock bills on the House floor.

Through these activities, the youth gained valuable insight into the legislative process, and are now motivated to continue their own civic engagement. The event also gave this fortunate group of young people basic training and practical experiences to become more effective advocates.



*Two of Cody Rouge Youth Council members:
(L) Joselyn Webb and Malik Masters.*

To learn more about the Foundation and its Good Neighborhoods program, visit www.skillman.org