

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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Coleman A. Young was the Mayor of Detroit for two decades. He established the Coleman A. Young Foundation (CAYF) in 1982. CAYF is a living legacy of the late Mayor's lifetime of work. All of the assets that he earned were left to the Foundation to provide opportunities for future generations in the city that was his life.

Since 1986, the Foundation has awarded more than four million dollars to more than four hundred students. The mission of CAYF is to develop leadership among youth through college schol-

CODY/ROUGE

The Buffalo Soldiers Heritage Center

The Buffalo Soldiers Calico Troop is a non-profit organization formed in 1970. It's an organization dedicated to the preservation of the historical facts of the original Buffalo Soldiers, who fought to settle the Western Frontier. Its mission is to educate, preserve and exhibit cultural history through acts of role modeling, horse shows, rodeos and oral presentations. Extremely active in the community, the organization works with a wide variety of charitable organizations such as the Boys and Girls Club of America, the Methodist Children's Home and the Wayne County Youth Home, public and private schools, faith-based organizations, and with community leaders in a effort to educate the community of the historical involvement of African Americans who gave their lives in war for the United States.

The Detroit Recreation Department, in partnership with the Buffalo Soldiers, dedicated the Buffalo Soldiers Heritage Center at the Rouge Park Stables, located at 21800 Joy Road in Cody/Rouge.

The Skillman Foundation will hold a series of town hall meetings on education, targeted at residents of the Cody/Rouge, Brightmoor, Northend, Osborn, Chadsey/Condon and Vernor neighborhoods, but all are welcome.

Detroit families will hear strategies for preparing kids to succeed in high school, graduate from college, and lead productive lives as adults. Free dinner and child care.

arships, mentoring and other supports for personal growth and development.

A two-year, \$310,000 Skillman grant to CAYF will assist in supporting and expanding the Post Secondary Readiness Planning Program (PSRP), a 10-week, after-school program for 600 8th- and 9th-grade Brightmoor students and their parents to support the transition to high school and stay on a college-bound course.

The program will provide students and families with life-long skills that will not only increase academic success but yield benefits throughout their lives. This grant is aligned with the Foundation's high school strategy and sustainability plan's goal of increasing the number of students in Detroit graduating high school and being prepared for success in post-secondary education.

The Heritage Center offers a visual arts exhibit that depicts the Buffalo Soldiers in and out of battle. The center includes artifacts such as uniforms worn by the soldiers, horse saddles, various cooking utensils, and military weaponry, such as sabers and side arms that were used on the battlefield. The fee is \$2 for ages 3 - 61 and free for those under 3 or over 62 years of age.

In addition to the Heritage Center, the organization also offers equestrian-centered field trips during which students are transported back to the late 1800s. They learn and hone horseback riding and other skills relative to horsemanship, as well as participating in summer day camp activities, riding classes, boot camp and overnight camping.

The Detroit chapter of the Buffalo Soldiers has brought back the passion for horses, education and community. To learn more, visit www.buffalosoldierscalicotroops.com.

EDUCATION TOWN HALL MEETINGS SET FOR DECEMBER

Meetings are as follows:

Brightmoor & Cody/Rouge: Tuesday, Dec. 2, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Doubletree Hotel, 5801 Southfield Freeway @ Ford Road.

Northend & Osborn: Tuesday, Dec. 9, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. American Serbian Memorial Hall, 19940 Van Dyke.

Chadsey/Condon & Vernor: Wednesday, Dec. 10, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Southwestern High School, 6921 Fort Street.

Visit www.skillman.org for more information. Or call 313.393.1185.

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