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## Boys 2 Men: Urban Education's Newest Innovation

Vanguard Community Development Corporation - Founded by the Rev. Dr. Edgar L. Vann in 1994 - is the non-profit development arm of Second Ebenezer Church. Vanguard's mission is to reclaim, restore and rebuild the physical, social and economic fabric of the Northend Neighborhood.

One of the ways in which Vanguard is reaching and changing lives of young males is through its **Boys 2 Men** program. ♦ The program provides opportunities for academic development, assists students with basic



educational programs for young African-American males in urban areas. ♦ The program is designed specifically to bridge the gap for African-Americans males, ages 12-25, who feel displaced by the educational system and, as a result, become displaced from the workforce.

Housed in Northwestern High, **Boys 2 Men** operates during school hours

♦ **Tuesday through Thursday.** ♦ The program provides participants with educational alternatives to dropping out and equips them for success with leadership skills, mentors, **life skills training**, GED assistance, opportunities to earn college credit, as well as scholarships.

If this sounds like something you'd love to learn more about, or sign up for, call **313.872.7831 ext. 22.** ♦ To learn more about Vanguard, visit [www.vanguardcdc.org](http://www.vanguardcdc.org).

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- college requirement and serves to motivate students toward the successful completion of high school and post-secondary education. ♦ The goal of **Boys 2 Men** is to increase retention and graduation rates, and facilitate the process of transitioning from one level of higher education to the next.

• Vanguard, in partnership with Northwestern High School, Wayne County Community College District and Wayne State University's College of Education, proudly present this newest creation.

• **Boys 2 Men** is an innovative drop-out prevention and recovery program. ♦ This cutting-edge program is centered around cultural relevancy, best practices, and research on effective

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