

KIDS MATTER HERE

Good Stuff About Our Grantees

Mentoring Children Through Positive Music It's All in the Family

His name is Terrance Collier. ♦ He is a father and a husband, and best known to those around Detroit as "The Rapping Mentor."



Through positive rap lyrics, which stress and teach the importance of education, the significance of staying away from drugs and alcohol, the value of voting and the many benefits and blessings of living a positive life, **The Rapping Mentor** is a community activist turned hero. ♦ His main goal in all of this is to make a difference in our community - for our community.

Collier also leads by example. ♦ He has three prime reasons for continuing to uplift, nourish and strengthen the souls of our youth: His boys - **Terrance II, Devin and Elmer** - better known as "**The Good Kids.**" ♦ For the past five years, this family affair has been all about changing the culture of the city by delivering empowering presentations to churches, elementary schools, college campuses, parks and national conferences. ♦ The group

- has received accolades, awards and letters of support from civic and community leaders, school board members, elected officials and nonprofit organizations. ♦ Even the **Mother of the Civil Rights Movement, Mrs. Rosa Parks**, as co-chair of the **National Campaign for Tolerance**, saluted **The Rapping Mentor** in 2004.

- In addition to traveling and continually reciting his inspiring melodic verses, **The Rapping Mentor** is also founder and creator of **The Good Kid Program**. ♦ The initiative requires participating children to sign and follow an agreement that is shared with their parents and teachers. ♦ The premise of the agreement is: "Listen to parents. ♦ Listen to teachers. ♦ Follow the rules." ♦ It's just that simple. ♦ Those involved are rewarded with a

parent/teacher appreciation night where the participating kids entertain and demonstrate thankfulness and gratitude for their parents and teachers.

The Rapping Mentor is all about changing the lives and minds of our youth - our future. ♦ He is a positive, unrelenting force of motivation, and if your school or church organization is seeking a spirit of goodness, this is the entertainment for you! ♦ The group specializes in songwriting, production, personalized songs and performing. ♦ For more information, feel free to send a message to tcollier2005rappingmentor@yahoo.com.

- Making a definite difference in Detroit - one lyric at a time.

