

March 6th Benefit a Great Success!

An amazing crowd turned out for New Futures' recent benefit on Friday, March 6th. Guest of honor, Mayor Adrian Fenty, along with Councilmembers Jim Graham and Mary Cheh and author Edie Fraser, gathered with almost two hundred and fifty supporters, making our third benefit the most successful ever!

Mayor Fenty commended New Futures and its supporters for their commitment to the education of youth in DC. Edie Fraser supported the mayor's words by focusing on the importance of the message conveyed in her book, *Do Your Giving While You Are Living*.



The real heart of the evening came when two New Futures scholars shared their powerful experiences.

Jonathan Brito told how he is working to achieve his ultimate dream with a unique two-step plan: first, becoming certified as a mechanic and obtaining a steady job with Metro, and now planning to go to school to become what he has always wanted to be, a graphic designer. His message to others was to never quit, even when times get tough.

Kwame Brown moved the crowd by sharing how members of his family have found themselves in jail or in the cemetery, yet he just graduated with a bachelor's degree in chemistry and hopes to pursue graduate studies in pharmacology. He credits those who have surrounded him and supported him, such as New Futures and the Community Club of the NY Avenue Presbyterian Church.

The program was wrapped up by a lively auction, conducted by Councilmember Jim Graham, who threw in a few generous donations of his own! Drinks and food were enjoyed by all, and the unseasonably warm evening allowed use of the terrace with its beautiful view of the National Cathedral lit against the night sky.

The benefit is always a very special event, with people from all walks of life in the DC community mingling together, enjoying each others' company, and realizing that we all share common hopes and dreams for creating opportunity for our youth.

New Futures hopes that what guests saw and learned at the benefit will inspire them to make donations by the end of April, taking advantage of a matching gift fund offered by the Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation, the Sunrise Foundation, and our founder and president, Mike Gould. Gifts of any size will be doubled, providing twice the impact toward helping our young people succeed.

New Futures' Website Now Online

Thanks to the generosity of OmniStudio, New Futures has a fantastic new website. Its professional layout and colors are only some of the benefits of the new site.



It also captures our story, tells about our partners, features some of our scholars, provides career resources for prospective students, and even includes resources for those interested in learning more about the challenges of post-secondary education for low-income youth.

You can also use it to see the latest news, contact us, volunteer, or make a secure online donation.

This in-kind gift from OmniStudio is a result of New Futures winning OmniStudio's first "ReachOut" award.

Check it out at www.newfuturesdc.org.

New Futures is Now a United Way Agency

New Futures recently learned it was approved as a United Way Agency. We will be a part of the National Capital Region program for the 2009-2010 campaign.

If you are involved with United Way giving, please keep New Futures in mind. Look for us under our original and legal name, the Allen Gould Youth and Family Learning Association. Our National Capital Region Agency Designation Code is 9367.



We are hopeful this will provide additional opportunities for raising the funds needed to expand and enhance our program.

Introducing Five New Partners for 2009

New Futures is excited to join forces with five exceptional community organizations in its quest to reach out to more DC young people in need of educational support. Each of these organizations is unique in terms of the services it provides to the community, but all have impressive track records with their youth and young adult development programs. We are proud to provide an opportunity for their young people to pursue the next step in their educational journey.

CAPITAL AREA REACH PROGRAM Formerly a part of WAVE (Work, Achievement, Values and Education), this program offers young people positive developmental experiences to teach them the skills they need to overcome life challenges and achieve positive outcomes. Partnering with local employers, businesses, community volunteers, and faith-based organizations, REACH works to teach students how to succeed in school, work, and the community.

CARLOS ROSARIO INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL This unique school provides education to prepare the diverse adult immigrant population of Washington, DC to become invested, productive citizens and members of American society who ultimately give back to family and community. For successful young adult students who wish to continue their educations, the New Futures scholarship will provide a much-needed option for financial support.

JUBILEE JOBS Jubilee Jobs provides compassionate, skilled job preparation and placement services to people in the community who need it most. Once their clients are working, efforts are focused on job retention and “next steps” toward career growth. For those promising young adults wishing to enhance their skills through post-secondary education, New Futures will be available to assist.

LIBERTY'S PROMISE This organization supports young immigrants in need while encouraging them to be active and conscientious American citizens. Its internships and civic education programs aim to make the immigrant experience an affirmative one for young newcomers while instilling in them a sense of pride and support for American ideals of democracy and freedom. New Futures will provide them additional opportunities to find success in their new country.

SEE FOREVER FOUNDATION / MAYA ANGELOU PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL This organization's mission is to create learning communities in lower income urban areas where all students, particularly those who have not succeeded in traditional schools, can reach their potential. This school is unique in that it continues to follow and support its students after graduation, and will now be able to take advantage of New Futures' scholarship to help those in need of financial assistance in their post-secondary educational pursuits.

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If you have already sent us a donation, THANK YOU! If not, there's still time to take advantage of our matching gift fund. Please send your checks to:

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