

# 2B Successful Youth Inc. Newsletter

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Cynthia Phillips  
Founder/Executive Director

## Executive Director

It was more than 35 years ago while working as a Deputy Clerk at George Carroll Superior Court in Richmond, CA; I was able to see the coalition of illiteracy, poverty and crime.

Later as a Deputy Sheriff, it was not uncommon to arrest repeat offenders because of illiteracy, poverty and crime. As a Juvenile Justice Prevention Commissioner and Tri-City Branch NAACP President it is evident that underachievement in school and dropping out are major factors leading to poverty and crime.

My husband and I moved to the Fairfield - Suisun City Area in 1980. Three of our nine children enrolled in FSUSD as kindergartners and five received their diplomas from Armijo and Fairfield High Schools.

I have supported and remained actively involved in FSUSD throughout the years in many capacities such as On-Site

Council, PTA, field trips, classroom volunteer, Principal for a Day, Goal-G Planning and Community Meetings, and the Hate Motivated Behavior Policy Planning Committee.

In November 2006, 2B Successful Youth was founded and housed within a low-income apartment community in Fairfield, CA.

On October 18, 2010, 2B Successful Youth relocated to Fairfield Suisun Unified School District's Matt Garcia Learning Center, an alternative school.

The goal of 2B Successful Youth is to acquire resources and put into action services that will enhance the ability of our youth to move into their future with confidence in their identity, what they can accomplish, to become self-sufficient, and to become an asset to their family and their community.

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### Program Hours and Extended Hour Fees



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2B Successful Youth Hours of Operation are Monday - Thursday, 2:00 - 5:30pm. School Holidays and vacations we are closed. During regular business hours there are no-cost to low income families.

Our organization is an academic enrichment program. We ask that you pick up your student in a timely manner if they require a shortened day. Please keep current your contact information and emergency person(s) who can sign your student out.

Beginning March 15, 2011 late fees will be assessed after 5:30pm. It will be \$10.00 every 10 minutes or part of, not pro-rated.

After 5:45pm, staff may utilize your emergency contact list for alternative pick-up.

After 5:30pm picks please be prepared to pay the staff by cash the same day.

## Building our Village through Volunteerism



*Belinda Bush,  
Professor, Volunteer  
STEMulate Project  
Manager*

There are those who believe, that it's not the community's responsibility or the teacher - "it's the parents' responsibility" to create successful children. 2B Successful Youth's experiences with under-performing schools, with children who come from low-income families and high crime communities are that families want their child to succeed. And as a team - teachers, parents, administrators,

community members, and legislators we can overcome the negative influences our children are having with education.

Parents-guardians, thank you for the positive interaction in our efforts to support your student. We value your input and extend an opportunity for volunteerism.



*Science and Bubbles*

## STEMulate Science Project

Mrs. Belinda Bush, Professor, CEO and Director of Excellence or Else, with a team of trained low-income Youth Leaders are co-facilitating a seven week session, on Mondays. The youth Leaders receive hourly stipends matched with volunteer hours.

exploration, promote active questions, and application to the real world. The participants are developing journals to capture their experiences.

Our students lack access to on-site technology. We are contacting various entities in hopes of obtaining computers, printers, lap tops and soft ware. We need you to help advocate for resources.

The project emphasizes experiential and inquiry based learning, provides practical examples of incorporation hands-on activities that invite youth

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*Science Journaling*

## Financial Aid and College Awareness Workshops

On February 24, 2011, in partnership with Solano Community College Financial Aid Department, Financial workshops were held at Fairfield Suisun Unified School District the Matt Garcia Learning Center for juniors and seniors

the State of California and Hawaii, Youth Conference in Oakland CA.

On March 18, 2011, in partnership with UC Destiny College a College Awareness and Career Development workshop will be held at the Matt Garcia Learning for juniors and seniors.

On March 12, 201, 2B Successful Youth facilitated a Financial Aid and College Awareness Workshop for the Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall Mason for



*Financial Aid and College  
Awareness Workshop*

## Free Healthy Cooking Matters Community Classes

In partnership with Tri-City Branch NAACP, and St Stephen CME Church parent/guardian and kids cooked each Thursday, evening from January 13<sup>th</sup> until February 24, 2011, the graduation date.

new vegetable recipes, cooked and ate healthy meals together. After each class families took home a bag of fresh produce to recreate the recipes at home!



*Cooking Matters*

During the class the participants learned to: prepare healthy recipes quickly, choose fresh seasonal produce, tips to help cook fast healthy recipes, tried

Thank You!  
Rosemary Lewis, St Stephen CME Church  
Site Assistant

### Women Inspiring Girls to Grow

Valarie Lambert-Reed, CEO and Director, W.I.G.G. has been hosting girl empowerment series on Wednesdays, from 3:30 -4:30pm.

Ask your daughter if she has participated in the sessions and what are the topics and activities.

### Volunteers

Adults: Mrs. Belinda Bush, Ms. Mary Harris, Valarie Lambert-Reed, Dorice Panduro, and Ms. Ashley Fisher

Students: Breanna Thomas, Nicholas Elder, Sammie Osborne, Tanijah Osborne, and Willena Glaster

Ms. Marguita Williams, good luck with your new adventure. We miss you!!!



*Youth Leader*



*Youth Leaders*

### Students Need Food

It is the tradition of 2B Successful Youth to provide its students with nutritious snacks. The children call it dinner. Those foods are donated by staff, volunteers, and individual community members.

Relocating to the Matt Garcia Learning Center has caused us to ask for your assistance. Please donate money and or healthy nutritious wrapped food items for a minimum of 20 children.

This list is not inclusive:

Iron Rich cold Cereal, 100% fruit juice, canned fruit, canned beans and vegetables, frozen burritos, canned meat and fish, enriched pasta and rice, peanut butter and jelly. Granola and fruit bars, cheese and crackers, sugar free puddings, macaroni and cheese, Sloppy Joe, and fresh fruit.



*Youth Leader*



*Students in  
Community Cooking  
Class*

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