

Self Help for African (All) People through Education

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- Elders Institute of Wisdom
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- In-SHAPE Café
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## **S.H.A.P.E.** **COMMUNITY** **CENTER**

### **Mission:**

To improve the quality of life for people of African descent (all people) through programs and activities, with emphasis on Unity, Self-Determination, Collective Work & Responsibility, Cooperative Economics, Purpose, Creativity and Faith.

### **Parent's Pledge**

(In African Tradition, parents include not only the biological parents and adult caregivers in the child's home, but all adults in the village who share responsibility for raising the children)

As a parent, I believe in the ancient African proverb,  
"It takes an entire village to raise a child."  
I will LISTEN to the children.  
I will NURTURE the children.  
I will TEACH and MODEL APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR for myself, for my family, and for my community.

**STRONG FAMILY**

**STRONG NATION**

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## **PROGRAMS**

### **AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (ASEP)**

Provides homework assistance/tutorial, life skills, CAD, robotics, and recreational and academic enrichment activities for children ages 5-13. Mon -Fri from August through May. Nutritious snacks (fruit, juices, etc.) are provided daily. Pre-registration begins in August.

### **Community LUV (Lifting Up Our Vulnerable)**

Meal & Resource Program for people experiencing homelessness and food insecurity. Free services include: Hot showers, Clean clothing, Hot dine-in meals, Barber services, Community health education, Social services, Financial education services, Toiletries and personal care distributions. Monthly program, every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday from 9AM-2PM.

### **DISASTER RELIEF**

An emergency assistance program that provides much needed supplies and assistance during the time of disasters affecting the Greater Houston area.

### **ELDERS INSTITUTE OF WISDOM (EIW)**

The EIW is a formal network of Elders whose collective wisdom is drawn upon to educate, guide, direct, and/or lead our community. Their duties and responsibilities are to advise and give guidance on activities of the village. They serve as an extended family member to youth and families. They share "the story" of our community and culture. EIW meets every Thursday.

### **FREEDOM TOUR**

After successfully completing the summer curriculum, youth have the opportunity to travel throughout the South to points of interest, as they re-trace the Civil Rights Movement. They take a symbolic march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge, visit the National Voting Rights Museum, Tuskegee University, Rosa Parks Museum, Medgar Evers home etc. This 7-day trip takes place in July.

### **INCUBATOR KITCHEN PROGRAM**

Provides physical space, essential business services, and business development guidance with affordable lease rates for startup restaurants. The shared-use space provides emerging restaurateurs with the use of a commercial kitchen for a fraction of the normal cost while building their restaurant in the nurturing environment of the SHAPE community.

## **KWANZAA**

An annual collaborative, cultural celebration held Dec 26 - Jan1. Kwanzaa reinforces and strengthens traditional family values. The 7-day event features speakers, cultural performances and a marketplace. S.H.A.P.E.'s programs and activities are based on the same principles of Kwanzaa.

### **PAN AFRICAN CULTURAL FESTIVAL**

An annual outdoor festival held the last weekend of May to celebrate the freedom struggles among people of African ancestry. The Festival is celebrated in conjunction with African Liberation Day. The event features cultural entertainment, a children and family area, and a marketplace made up of vendors providing food, various handcrafts, and other merchandise.

### **PARENTS' SUPPORT GROUP PROGRAM**

A parenting skills, network and support group. Parents and caretakers participate in training workshops, mental health counseling, field trips, family projects, special presentations and community events. Offered as a mandatory requirement with ASEP and SYEP. Parenting training sessions are held on alternate Wednesday evenings.

### **SUMMER YOUTH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (SYEP)**

An 8-week full day program for children ages 5-13. SYEP offers many exciting challenges to participating youth. Classes and activities include: arts and culture, computer literacy, CAD, robotics, sports, foreign languages, capoeira, chess, and field trips. This program operates annually from June through August, Mon - Fri. Pre-registration begins in March.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

As a nonprofit organization the services Volunteers provide are critically essential to S.H.A.P.E.'s ongoing success. We are strong believers in the importance of service to others and recognize the enormous part Volunteers play in our overall success. We value our Volunteers because they could choose to spend their time anywhere but decided to share it with us.