

# DESTINATION DESTINY

Inspiring leaders to gain wisdom, for the application of knowledge and understanding, as you walk out your DESTINY

2022 IMPACT REPORT



Despite uncertainty in the face of the lingering effects of a global pandemic that magnified and exposed social and economic inequalities – there was an unwavering commitment to our mission to change the trajectory of people's lives through economic mobility.

I remain inspired by our donors, partners, volunteers, and staff, who have risen to the unprecedented challenges of this past year. They have demonstrated resilience and dedication to the people we serve.

A few of our impactful accomplishments in 2022 were:

- partnered with several larger nonprofits to provide meals to families facing challenging circumstances.
- participated in community revitalization which is much more than just beautification; it is a collective effort to identify and strengthen the assets already present in the area.
- mentored young people through the ups and downs of college and exposed high school students to career opportunities they may not have otherwise known.
- provided thought leadership to nonprofit leaders in the startup phase or ready to move their organizations to the next level. We nurtured them in improving operational readiness to services their constituent base.

The question is, where do we go from here?

We spent the better part of 2022 laying out a new strategic plan to answer that question. And the answer is this: It's time to expand from merely encouraging and feeding individuals to addressing the root causes of a lack of economic mobility. This will involve a shift in thinking.

This new way of thinking embodies our three-year vision for launching a program designed to expose and provide deep transformative experiences that prepare people for economic mobility called:

Vision 2025 – 100 Businesses for 1,000 students

We can't accomplish this without you, and I am thankful for your continued support as we navigate the opportunities and challenges ahead. We look forward to seeing what we'll accomplish together in 2023.

Stay upon the Wall,

Rev. Dr. I. David Byrd Chief Executive Officer The mission of Destination Destiny is to inspire you to live a life of virtue, excellence and the highest human good. Characterized by self-control, moderation, a deep awareness of one's true self. #Wisdom

Your support allowed me to maintain my dignity by feeding my family during Thanksgiving We partner with nonprofits, churches, parachurches, I now know my opportunities are unlimited if I put in the work businesses and multi-sector organizations to provide transformative experiences that create economic mobility. With your support, our nonprofit was able to pivot and continue serving our community Your thoughtful words in the newsletters have truly provided clarity to the sinful nature of this country You taught us, our behavior is a product of our own conscious, value-based choices, not a product of our conditions, circumstances, or community We were ready to close until you helped us rethink how we operate. Thank you

# **Our Impact**

900



Holiday meals provided to families in need

200 7



Student's exposed to career possibilities they otherwise would have never experienced

83%



College **Immediacy**  98%



Graduation Rate



Community revitalization & beautification initiatives



Nonprofit leaders mentored as they positioned their organizations for constituent services

48

Inspirational Bi-monthly **Newsletters** 

## Integrity, Ingenuity and Innovation That Impacts Trajectory

At the core of our services are addressing promotive factors that can diminish the potential impact of an array of risk factors, while strengthening the capacity of youth and adults to make informed decisions. Promotive Factors are conditions or attributes of individuals, families, and communities that actively enhance their well being.

Destination Destiny empowers teens, equips adults and enhances systems through the four essential components of our Promotive Factors Framework.

Destination Destiny's Promotive framework enhances outcomes through fostering healthy relationships, demonstrating success skills and providing experiential exposures

### Invest in Relationship Building

"Engagement requires your heart before your hands"

- · Commit to being available
- · Walk along side, not directing
- · Non-judgmental conversations
- · Quick to listen and slow to speak
- Genuine care and concern

### Model Character

"More things are caught than taught; modeled rather than spoken."

- Civility
- Self Awareness
- Social Awareness
- Persistence
- Integrity
- Gratitude
- Respect



Teach Competencies

"These skills are critical for emotional well-being and life success."

- Resiliency
- Collaboration
- · Complex problem solving
- · Critical thinking
- Decision Making
- Conflict resolution
- Impulse Control
- · Handling peer pressure

- Different environments
- · Other cultures
- Relevant opportunities

"Deepen cultural fluency to better compete and succeed in the 21st century"



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