

Association of Midnight Basketball February 2022

Happy New Year!

This year, begins with a good foundation of accomplishments of last year that are paving the way for Association of Midnight Basketball's (AMB) renewed work! People like you helped AMB reach those accomplishments. Thank you!

Last year, AMB launched its first annual giving campaign. It ran from November 31st through December 31st. And, with your contribution and support, we raised almost \$30,000.00! And, with your responses to our request, you helped to clarify the need for we as citizens to band together to address violence with innovative solutions that we build ourselves, in our own communities. Again, thank you.

Now, this year, 2022, we are launching the "Creating Peace in the Neighborhood." But, due to COVID19, we have made adjustments to our campaign calendar and activities. Many of our workshops, clinics and rallies are moving on-line! The peace-making weekends will now begin in May, dependent on clearance of the pandemic (we will use caution, because we want our people to be safe).



We are expecting to attract and work with at least 20,000 young people nation-wide this year. With the help of some of our partners and Peace Ambassadors, our youth will undergo peacemaking, peacekeeping and nonviolence training. They will learn to deescalate tension; learn how to lead peace rallies, marches and the crafting of resolution talk-outs. And, we are looking forward to launch these efforts in the cities where we have a presence.

When it comes to building and sustaining peace, the work must start with our young. And, with their energy, their innovative thought in this technical age and their need to grow past many obstacles of our communities, they will "see visions", learn to carry the message of peace and build that peace we all seek! With our young on the front-lines, we will realize the peace that many have only dreamed about - a peaceful community, with equal justice, much less poverty, without racial hate and senseless killings!

Laurence C. Gray, Jr.

Campaign Calendar | 2022

"Creating Peace in the Neighborhood"

Feb 2022 – Dec 2025: Coordination Meetings & Trainings In-Service Training: In-House (Campaign & Operations) In-Service Training: The King Center

March 2022 – March 2025: Recruitment & Resource Development Campaign

(Marketing, Fundraising, Partnership & Ambassadors) Ambassadors, Community Leaders, Youth, Partners, etc. On-Line Workshops, Rallies & Clinics Launch

April – Sept (each year): Campaign, Programs & Outdoor Activities (if COVID safe) University Tours & Non-Violence 365 (The King Center) Peace-Making Weekends Youth Rallies Basketball Play & In-house Program & Projects

May 2022: Media Launch & Community Campaign Launch! (Rescheduling) Ambassadors Reception (Rescheduling)

June 2022: Drum Major of Peace Gala Weekend (Rescheduling) Savannah, GA, but managed by national team

September 26th: Birthday Celebration – Mr. G. Van Standifer

Forth Worth, TX Chapter Announcement

The COVID-19 Clinic Without Walls

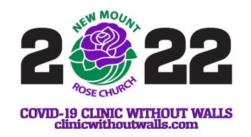
Our COVID-19 Clinic Without Walls Team is on a championship crusade to help build confidence and meet the healthcare needs of our most vulnerable communities by providing personal protection equipment and other health support, services and supplies as they come available.

Your continued financial support will give us the opportuni-



ty to continue to fill our neighbors bowls with blessings for their Souls. Join our championship team today. Proverbs 19:17. Give today. Zelle: 817-966-7625

The Clinic Without Walls Serve the Needs of All: <u>https://</u> www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/fort-worth-church-opens-its-doorsproviding-services-as-a-covid-19-clinic/2849459/?amp



Looking Back Over 2021, AMB...

- Underwent complete organizational development/change
- Celebrated 35 years of providing healthy lifestyle alternatives to at-risk youth
- Instituted its first annual giving program
- Welcomed four new board members!
- November unrolled its first national peacemaking campaign through an "In-house" Webinar

Vallejo, CA Chapter Announcement



AMB Needs Assistance...

- <u>Interns</u>. We would provide course credit for Interns in the areas of Marketing & Communications, Media Relations
- <u>Volunteers</u>. Please consider volunteering with AMB or referring someone who can help in the areas of: Program Management, Social Media, Fundraising, Events Coordination

Some AMB Investment & Sponsorship Opportunities

- <u>Investment</u>: The "Creating Peace in the Neighborhood" campaign or its various program components
- Sponsorship: Chapters in your local or targeted community
- <u>Sponsorship</u>: Either of our two major events (Ambassadors of Peace Reception or the Drum Major for Peace Award Program Gala)

Thank you for your extraordinary work!

Pastor Kyev Tatum

"COVID-19 Clinic Without Walls"

Rev. Kyev Tatum, Pastor of New Mount Rose Missionary Baptist Church in Forth Worth, Texas and founder of Covid-19 Clinic Without Walls, has received the 2022 Community Partner Award from the joint Workforce Development Board and Workforce Governing Board's Meeting & Awards program.



Pastor Tatum, along with his congregation, are working in collaboration with FEMA, DHHS, Moncrief Cancer Institute, Texas Emergency Management and Ministers of Justice Coalition of Texas, are distributing over one million cloth masks, 26,000 KN95 masks. And, 10 million dollars in USDA Farm to Families fresh food boxes and over \$250,000 other PPE supplies and treatment from private companies are being distributed.

Today, the Clinic Without Walls is distributing PPE's in twenty-two Texas cities, including Forth Worth, Waco, Austin and Dallas.



New AMB Board Members

Julius Terrell

Julius P. Terrell, an Oakland, California native, is an attorney, counselor of law, and arbitrator. His areas of practice include estate planning, probate administration, business, family litigation and government relations. He also serves as an arbitrator for the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. Mr. Terrell has had a distinguished career, including serving as Staff Counsel for US Congressman Pete "Fortney" Stark, US Department of Labor and the Government of the District of Columbia. Julius joined AMB's board November 2022.

Joseph N. Bell

A thirty year professional educator, Joe has spent much of his life serving educators and educating the young of Savannah. Through his education investments, he has underwritten scholarship and scholastic opportunities for students of secondary and postsecondary studies. Dr. Bell, owner of Bellklean LLC, serves as Chair of Shaw University's Board of Directors. With his passion to ensure education for our young, more than 100 students have matriculated at Shaw. And, through the Joe Bell Scholars, established at Shaw, some have become doctors, lawyers, teachers, technology specialist, business owners, business executives and more. Joe joined AMB's board November 2022.



Sharing AMB Chapter news!

We want to hear from the Chapters. Let's post some successes, event announcements. And, let's share when we are opening our doors, moving back to the basketball court and when our conference and workshop rooms will open!

Please email posts, information with pictures, event announcements, with "Newsletter" in the subject line, by March 15th, 2022, before the next edition, to: barnesp@amblp.org. Thank you!



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