



Semi-Annual Newsletter

May 2015

Mission Statement

The purpose and mission of the Flood Group shall be to serve as a vehicle for bringing together diverse talents and forces with the community to foster the achievement of a quality education for all children.



Progress Report

This first semi-annual newsletter will serve as the Flood Group's Progress. This progress report describes our work and activities as well as the support needed to continue our impact on the lives of students. Through our efforts we bring optimum learning experiences beyond the classroom. The help of the groups and agencies that have partnered with us to make a difference in the lives of young people is greatly appreciated.

We solicit the collaboration with other groups. "Together each can achieve more".

Flood Group's Focus on Literacy

Early language and literacy (reading and writing) development begins in the first three years of life

and is closely linked to a child's earliest experiences with books and stories. We now understand that children begin to learn language, reading, and writing long before they enter school. Children learn to talk, read, and write through social literacy experiences. Adult or older children interactions using books and other literacy materials including magazines, crayons, and paper enhances the developmental processes. These experiences are critical to a child's academic success. Chrishele and Antoine Marshall work actively as the group's literacy coordinator and event planner.



Antoine and Chrishele became active member of The Flood Group in 2013. Antoine works for Legal Aid of North Carolina as a Staff Attorney and is also

active politically. Chrishele is a 4th grade teacher with the Wake County School System. They are committed to increasing literacy efforts and activities for children in Wake County.



The Flood Group

Building Confidence, Inspiring Hope, Enhancing Success



Book Drive

All children need books. The Flood Group collects new and used children's books to give to participants and families when they attend events. Books are collected daily at Saint Matthew AME Church, 1629 Bennett Street, Raleigh, NC 27604.

The telephone number is 919 821-7011.



New Leadership

The emergence of new co-chairs for the Flood Group comes with renewed interest and focus for all members. We enjoyed the focused and visionary leadership of outgoing chairs Dr. Dwight Pearson and Micah Mason for the past two years. Not tired of rendering good service, both men remain with the group as advocates for all of our students.

Derrick Byrd is no stranger to service and community programs. He is presently the director of the Family Resource Center in Raleigh and chairs the Annual Program, Fatherhood Program, a program empowering positive relationships between Fathers and Sons. Derrick is the father of two sons.



Mathias Bishop is a member of the Wake Education Partnership Board of Directors and works as Staff Assistant at Social Security Administration. He is married and has two daughters.



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Inspiring Hope

Enhancing success

“Working Together for
Children’s Success

“Our society is in need of a radical redistribution of responsibility for the welfare of its young. The young have no problem that we cannot solve when we work together to that end.”

Dr. Dudley Flood

Events and Activities

- Stars of Education Reception, honoring Dr. Dudley Flood - October 22nd @ the Marriott City Center
- Inaugural Literacy Fair (St. Matthew AME Ch) - August 23rd
- WCPSS Town Hall Forum @ NC State McKimmon Center - August 6th
- Welcome Reception for Students from Monument HS in S. Africa - June 26th @ St. Matthew AMEC
- Principal "Meet and Greet" (SE Raleigh HS - June 19th
- Reading Event (The Media Center at SE Raleigh HS) - June 21st
- Unsung Heroes Banquet (honoring Flood Members, Min. Micah Mason & Mrs. Christanne Coleman) - August 1st @ Crabtree Marriott

Upcoming Events

Flood Group Breakfast Meeting,

June 13, 2015

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Zeta Sigma House,

2533 Sanderford Road, Raleigh, NC 27610

2015 Fatherhood Conference

June 19, 2015

Methodist Home for Children

1041 Washington Street

Raleigh, NC 27605

Registration deadline: May 29, 2015

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Flood Group Collaborative Partners

- ❖ Wake County Public School System
- ❖ Boys Mentoring Network
- ❖ Our Youth Matters
- ❖ Valor Academy
- ❖ Wake-Ed Partnership
- ❖ Poplar Springs Church
- ❖ Pilot Missionary Baptist Church
- ❖ Springfield Baptist Church