

The Genesis

In the fall of 1996 a group of Fayette County citizens from a variety of backgrounds came together to discuss what could be done as parents and community members to help our children prepare themselves to be successful in the global economy. Questions that immediately came up were: What skills and attributes do our children need to possess to be competitive in the 21st century? How can we provide the kind of support through both their formal education and social development to help our children successfully negotiate their environment and become productive contributing members of society?

For over a year the group explored the issues that students were experiencing in Fayette County. A parent/student forum was held so that parents and students could share their concerns and to discuss possible solutions. The students in particular spoke in great detail about the challenges they faced growing up and being educated in Fayette County.

The Association of Village PRIDE, (People Respecting the Identity Development in Everyone), Inc. was created to help address the issues voiced by students and parents. In May of 1998 AVP became a 501©(3) non-profit organization. AVP currently seeks and receives grants and donations to fund its mission.



2010 Audra Nicole Oliver Memorial Scholarship recipient, Chanelle Campbell pictured with Mr. & Mrs. Oliver.

THE LOGO



The Logo is a combination of European and African cultures. The Coat of Arms is European. The symbols are Ghanaian designs. Starting from the top left corner and continuing clockwise, the symbols represent the following: 1. TABONA (oars) Symbol of strength, confidence and persistence; 2. SANKOFA (Go back to fetch it) Symbol of the wisdom in learning from the past in building the future—Proverb: “It is not a taboo to go back and retrieve if you forget”; 3. KUNTUNKANTAN (inflated pride) Symbol of pride of state and a warning against inflated pride and geocentricism; 4. NKONSONKONSON (a chain) Symbol of unity interdependence, and cooperation.



Tutoring students at Concord Village

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**Fayette County's
Source for
Youth Leadership
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*It is our responsibility as a
community to insure that every
child and every youth has the
right and the opportunity to
excel to their highest potential.*

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Our Mission

The Association of Village PRIDE, Inc. (AVP) seeks to assist young people from multicultural backgrounds to become conscious and productive citizens of society who will make significant contributions to their community.

Community Outreach & Partnership

After reviewing the local data about the population of students from multicultural backgrounds, AVP knew it could not fully accomplish its mission without serious community collaboration. AVP has reached out to the greater Fayette Community to seek strategic partnerships to address some of the issues that were identified through the collection and analysis of local data and information. It is through the new partnerships that AVP seeks to expand its capacity to serve students and their families, while addressing issues of academic achievement, healthy behavior choices, and post-secondary options.

AUDRA NICOLE OLIVER MEMORIAL

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Association of Village PRIDE, Inc. started this scholarship fund to honor the life of Audra Nicole Oliver who succumbed to sickle cell in 2002. Seniors attending Fayette County Schools are encouraged to apply. For more information please visit www.avpride.org or ww.fcboe.org.



AVP students in New Orleans to assist victims of Katrina in 2008 and witness devastation 2+ years after hurricane.

Our Programs

Concord Village Family Resource Center

At the Concord Village Apartments in Peachtree City, AVP sponsors a family learning center for residents of the complex. The center has eight state of the art computers all with internet access and printers. AVP staffs the center and works with community partners and the residents to identify program and opportunities that help both adults and students in a variety of skill development areas. The focus is on improved language and technical literacy and job readiness skills for adults; and academic achievement for students.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Concord Village Afterschool Program

AVP sponsors an after-school program for elementary age students residing in Concord Village to help improve overall academic skills with special emphasis on literacy. This is done through volunteer tutors, computer assisted learning, drama, and reading skill assessment as well as a supportive partnership with Oak Grove Elementary School and the Peachtree City United Methodist Church. AVP provides staff but seeks community volunteers to help give students one-on-one attention.

BRIDGES Program

AVP in partnership with Rising Starr Middle School, Concord Properties and PTC United Methodist Church, provides volunteers, tutors, and access to computers and internet and academic support to middle and high school students residing at Concord Village and attending Rising Starr Middle School or Starr's Mill High School

Leaders In Training Program



AVP students visit Herndon Mansion in Atlanta and complete service project.

Our Leaders In Training Program is about both personal and community leadership where participants learn important leadership skills about how to lead their lives responsibly while helping to develop their

leadership skills to positively impact their community and peers. The LIT programs is divided into two distinct groups, one for middle school aged students and one for high school aged students.

This program is specifically designed to further cultivate leadership skills and involvement through community service. Community leaders and school personnel help identify students who meet the standards for participation. Participants serve as role models for their peers and younger students. They provide leadership in the sponsoring of a number of community wide events and volunteerism. Students are encouraged to take responsibility for their lives through positive behavior and actions and to see themselves as future leaders of their community, state, and country.

Career Exploration Program

This program provides an opportunity for students to explore career interest areas through short-term internships. Participating students must complete job readiness training that includes, work place etiquette, resume writing and interview techniques. Students are then matched with local work sites to explore career fields of interests. They are assigned a mentor during the internship period.

If you would like to recommend students to participate in any of our



Youth raising money for library in Nigeria through AVP service project.

"In our greed and self absorption, we have pushed our old ones to forgotten past and our young ones to an uncertain future. We must again fuse past to future. Through an early understanding of the human continuum and condition, youth learn reverence, respect and responsibility, to wonder, to be sensitive, to feel important and to hope". (Navaho Musician, Silent Witness Videotape)