



## Mission Statement

Our mission is to support young people in acquiring the knowledge, skills, resources and experiences necessary for achieving self-sufficiency. Legacy Associates Foundation concentrates on three areas of support: scholastic achievement, community service and economic empowerment. As an organization, we seek not merely to inspire and inform, but to enable and empower.

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### Who We Are

In January of 1997, fourteen African-American men gathered to discuss a common bond and vision for success. All were Detroit natives; many had grown up together as close friends, sharing similar life experiences and finding success only after overcoming many obstacles. The importance of these friendships became a turning point in their young lives and the basis for recognizing a need to help others.

Since its inception, Legacy Associates Foundation has built a force of leadership and support throughout the Metropolitan Detroit area. Whether serving as professionals, business executives, or community leaders, each of the current twenty members have become an established example of dedicated service and integrity. Since 2002, the foundation has grown its membership to a total of thirty young men who are focused and prepared to make an unprecedented impact on our youth and society. All members of Legacy Associates Foundation serve in a governing capacity within the organization and make contributions through program development and active volunteering.

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## What We Do

Legacy Associates Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to providing programs that exemplify scholastic achievement, economic empowerment and community service for children and young adults of all ethnic backgrounds.

In partnership with the Detroit Public School system, Legacy Associates Foundation advances programming designed to challenge students in accessing technical and educational resources. Comprehensive and innovative classes demonstrate conceptual lessons in business innovation, management and growth. Through a combination of structured curriculum-based activities and relevant-to-life applications, we offer the motivational and competitive skills necessary to succeed. Marketing and management techniques provide our youth with visionary personal and professional opportunity and a strong basis for entrepreneurial achievement. Nurturing and empowering the entrepreneurial mentality educates youth in the value of being an investor before a consumer while demonstrating the importance of pooling financial resources for the greater gain of many.

Through community service, our programs seek to unite young adults with surrounding neighborhoods, friends and volunteer organizations. We communicate a responsibility in giving back and educate our students about the value of contribution and the importance of community. This cohesive relationship is a mutually beneficial one; it encourages a broadening in perspective and it assists in establishing a sense of belonging and security.

In addition to these comprehensive programs, we provide financial assistance to high school graduates who continue their education at an accredited institution of higher learning. To date, over sixty-five thousand dollars in scholarships have been provided to Detroit youth in order to assist in their educational aspirations. In conjunction with these awards, Legacy Associates Foundation maintains an ongoing system of support and mentorship during their college tenure and beyond.

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Those who participate often return for future service in our programs, continuing in our work and reinforcing the founding ideals. Of all the embodied Legacy Associates Foundation ideals, the most important is that *“we seek not merely to inspire and inform, but to enable and empower“*.

## **Accomplishments**

### • *Economic Empowerment*

- “Let’s Start A Business“ Youth Entrepreneur & Business Skills Program (Detroit, MI)
- Economic Empowerment for Youth Seminars (Detroit, MI)
- Entrepreneurs Conference for Youth, 8-17 years of age (Detroit, MI)
- Annual Black Enterprise Kidpreneurs Conference (Nashville, TN)
- International Detroit Black Expo (Detroit, MI)
- State of the African-American Male (Detroit, MI)
- New Detroit “Came Enterprise” (Detroit, MI)
- Detroit Black Chamber of Commerce “Playbook For Small Business”- Super Bowl XL (Detroit, MI)

### • *Community Service*

- Angel’s Night (Detroit, MI)
- Youth Conflict Resolution Program (Cambridge, MA)
- Meals on Wheels Delivery Service (Tallahassee, FL)
- Camp Rising Star: After School Cultural Enrichment Program (Atlanta, GA)
- Think Detroit - Summer Softball Youth League (Detroit, MI)
- Thanksgiving Clothing Drive (Detroit, MI)
- Sun Microsystems "Sun Worldwide Volunteer Week" Park Cleanup (Detroit, MI)
- City Council Park Cleanup (Detroit, MI)
- Big Brother Big Sister Program (Detroit, MI)
- Southern Christian Leadership Conference's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration (Detroit, MI)
- Walk-A-Thon for Fight Against Breast Cancer (Detroit, MI)
- NAACP Detroit Chapter (Detroit, MI)
- Skillman Foundation’s “Good Schools” & “Good Neighborhoods” Initiative (Detroit, MI)
- ARISE Detroit “Launch Day” (Detroit, MI)
- Detroit YMCA “Success Fest” Conference (Detroit, MI)

### • *Scholastic Achievement*

- Head Start Development Program (Tallahassee, FL)
- The Children of Malcolm X Program (Lansing, MI)
- College Preparatory Workshop (Detroit, MI)
- Minorities Science Education Center (Grand Valley State University)
- Carolyn Brevard Elementary Tutoring (Tallahassee, FL)
- Youth L.I.N.K.S. - Internet & World Wide Web Youth Training Program (Detroit, MI)
- Junior Achievement of America (Chicago, IL)
- "Star Tech: The Next Generation" Technology Education Conference (Detroit, MI)
- Technology Education Conference: "4D Deleting the Digital Divide" (Detroit, MI)
- Lights On After-School Alliance (Detroit, MI)

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