

“Getting over a painful experience is much like crossing monkey bars. You have to let go at some point in order to move forward.” - C.S. Lewis

“You must be the change you wish to see in the world.” – Mahatma Gandhi

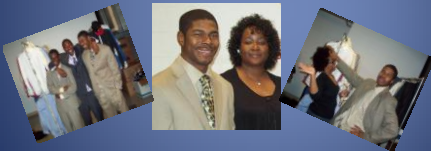
“If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude.” – Maya Angelou

THE
Restoring
HOPE

INITIATIVE

Restoring Hope in
the African-American Male

R.I.P.
TASHAWN SMILEY
MAY 13, 1990 – JUNE 21, 2010



In honor of his last request for hope
we share...
Romans 8:24-25

For in this hope we are saved, but hope that
is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what
he already has? But if we hope for what we
do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Our Message to Tashawn!

*“You waited patiently
and now your hope has been fulfilled.
Neither your life nor your death will be in
vain. With Love, Your Freedom Family”
~ 6/26/10 ~*

*“A DAY IN THE LIFE”
Now Starring...Tashawn Smiley*

THE OVERTURE

THE PLAY

THE FINALE

REVIEWS

THE YOUNG
AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALE

Statistics
Speak louder than words!

Sentencing Disparities
One, two, three strikes...you're out!

The New Caste System
Fact or Fiction?

Why
RESTORING HOPE?

God said the city is in need of revitalization and
the people are in need of restoration.

“The State of Hopelessness”
“rebuilding the city...”

- Middletown, OH was listed on Forbes list of top 10 fastest dying cities in the US (2008)
- Vacant and abandoned properties
- Apathetic church community
- Agencies with funding restrictions
- Budget cuts and factory closures
- Systems being tasked to do more with less

“The State of Hopelessness”
“restoring hope in the people”

People have lost hope in government,
government has lost hope in People and
the people have lost hope in each other:
especially in the city's young
African-American males.

OUR HOPE...

We hope to bring key stakeholders together to
discuss the issue of Drug Endangered Children
(DEC) and the plight of young African-American
males in Middletown, Ohio to:

- Identify the gaps in services being delivered to this target population
- Develop key strategies to address the needs of this population.

OUR APPROACH!
"Asset-based"

*Assets can be a source of
ideas and inspiration
in the face of
frustration and despair.*

OUR APPROACH!

What is wrong
with
everybody?

I can't believe
he/she just did
that!

What the heck is
going on here?
What happened to
using common
sense?

OUR APPROACH!

**It's – ONLY – common –
if – you – know - it!**

OUR APPROACH!

Freedom
has adopted the
Five Action Strategies for
Community Development as
identified by Search Institute.

OUR APPROACH!

These five Action Strategies provide a practical approach to identifying, encouraging, and linking all the important people, places, activities, and programs necessary for a powerful collective effort.

- Engage adults
- Mobilize young people
- Activate sectors
- Invigorate programs
- Influence civic decisions

WHAT IS YOUR APPROACH ?

Ask Yourself These Questions...

What can I instill in people to assist them in overcoming a hopeless situation?

How can I move forward in overcoming a seemingly hopeless situation in my own life?

Job was in a hopeless situation - Job 29:12-14

If Job found hope...so can we!

Our Answer!

**“DEVELOPING
EFFECTIVE COLLABORATIONS”**

WHAT WORKS!

CO-LABOR

WHAT DOESN'T!

ORATION

OUR PLAN...

Building on the Relationships developed over time, we are:

- Holding focus groups with key stakeholders
- Compiling information gained
- Developing Effective Collaborations
- Engaging potential funding sources
- Developing culturally sensitive programs, curriculum and initiatives for target population

OUR OUTCOMES...

Our success is measured by:

- Gaining Community Buy-in
- Developing highly effective collaborations with resilient leaders
- Addressing the needs of the target population
- Looking toward planning revitalization efforts throughout the community
- Infusing “Restoring Hope” and Asset Development throughout the day to day language of the community

OUR CALL TO ACTION...

Freedom has embarked on a
Journey to Restoring Hope!

Won't you join us?

We challenge you to find ways that you
can begin to "Restore Hope" in your
community.

FINAL WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

**THIS IS OUR PRAYER FOR THE
INDIVIDUALS WHO WORK
TIRELESSLY MAKING A DIFFERENCE
IN THE LIVES OF PEOPLE NEAR &
FAR...**

ROMANS 15:13

**"I PRAY THAT GOD,
THE SOURCE OF HOPE,
WILL FILL YOU COMPLETELY WITH
JOY AND PEACE BECAUSE YOU TRUST
IN HIM. THEN YOU WILL OVERFLOW
WITH CONFIDENT HOPE THROUGH
THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!"**

OUR GRATITUDE...

**THE
RESTORING HOPE
INITIATIVE
IS BEING MADE POSSIBLE
THROUGH GRANTS FROM THE
CINCINNATI HEALTH FOUNDATION
AND
THE ASSISTANCE FOR SUBSTANCE
ABUSE PREVENTION (ASAP) CENTER**

**WE EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT THANKS
TO ELISSA POGUE & THE ASAP CENTER
FOR BELIEVING IN THE RESTORING
HOPE INITIATIVE AND IN US!**

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