

Youth Violence is REAL! NOW is the time for REAL

"SOLUTIONS"

Join us for this Institute of inspiration, education and action on the road to "Stopping Youth Violence and Positively Changing Youth Culture"

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2008 . Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts . 2501 Flora St, Dallas, TX 75201

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Vision Regeneration, Inc. "Solutions" Conference Addresses Youth Violence

Dallas, Texas (August 18, 2008) Discussing ways to effectively combat youth violence and establish relationships to aide in this effort, will be the focus of the "Solutions" conference on **Friday, September 26, 2008**, at the newly renovated Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts in Dallas, Texas.

Community and educational leaders, law enforcement authorities, reformed gang leaders, parents and concerned citizens are invited to attend "Solutions" ... a conference of inspiration, education and action on the road to "Stopping Youth Violence and Positively Changing Youth Culture"

This conference is presented by Vision Regeneration, Inc. who has been serving at-risk youth for over 11 years in the Greater Dallas community by providing programs that operate within the DISD as well as within the Dallas County Juvenile Department, and are primarily focused on gang prevention/intervention, education/awareness and personal accountability/responsibility. Platinum sponsors for this event include The Bank of America and Enterprise Foundation. A complete list of sponsors is available by visiting www.vrinc.org.

Robert Woodson, Sr., Founder and President of The Center for Neighborhood Enterprise will make the keynote opening address along with Omar Jahwar, founder of Vision Regeneration, Inc. Special Guest: Dr. Elba Garcia, Mayor Pro Tem District 1, Dallas, Texas.

Afternoon general discussions will feature panelists made up of reformed gang leaders and former heads of crime families partnered with community leaders and organizational representatives including: The Feurtado Brothers, Antong Lucky, Bruce George, Byron Austin, Rebecca Thomas and Billy Stanfield.

The Community Kaleidoscope Award will be presented to J. McDonald Williams, retired chairman of Trammell Crow Co. and founder of the Foundation for Community Empowerment at the evening event, along with football legend, Deion Sanders, for his support of and involvement in Vision Regeneration. Nate Newton will be the recipient of the "Comeback Award".

Immediately after the Recognition Dinner there will be a fundraiser fashion show hosted by Deion Sanders and coordinated by his wife, Pilar Sanders entitled "A Celebration of Positive Urban and Youth Culture". This wrap-up event will serve as a motivational event for the youth that will participate in the show, and it will be a positive environment for developing and fostering relationship with community leaders, business owners, organizational representatives and supporters of the Vision Regeneration mission.

Highlights of the conference will include:

11:30 a.m. - Kick Off Luncheon and Opening Address that will communicate the vast need for intervention and unusual techniques that work in preventing youth violence.

12:30 p.m. - "Conversations" General Session that sets the framework that this is a national issue and presents the problem from the viewpoint of those involved (ie: former offenders and youth).

2:30 p.m. - "Beyond Race" General Session that will communicate how widespread the problem is and how it transcends race. Addressed from the viewpoint of educators and professionals.

7:00 p.m. - Recognition Dinner to acknowledge community involvement and develop community-based partnerships, followed by a fundraiser Fashion Show dedicated to celebrating positive Urban and Youth Culture.

There is no admission fee for the opening luncheon/address and the afternoon general discussions, however, pre-registration is required and donations are appreciated. The contribution for the recognition dinner and fashion show is \$150 per person. *Media coverage is invited.*

The goal of this conference is to further education and inform attendees of the need to provide programs and services dedicated to the prevention of and against youth violence and to cultivate relationships that will aid in the development of such programs and services in all communities. For further information about the "Solutions" Conference or Vision Regeneration, including registration, volunteering or donating please call (972) 218-1921 or email info@vrinc.org. Registration and information is also available by visiting www.vrinc.org.

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