WAGE with Mrs. Toney... by Terry Mudge

The WAGE Program is a work readiness program designed to ensure that unemployed and underemployed Arkansans have the skills needed to be successful in the workplace. The program places the employer at the center of an effort to redefine basic skills required by today’s high-performance workplaces. WAGE is a partnership between local employers, city government, employment agencies, industrial development organizations and educators. You can improve your basic academic skills, as well as learn job skills that prepare you for jobs through the WAGE Program. Classes offer flexible scheduling to meet the needs of adult students. You can earn WAGE Certificate in the following areas: Bank Teller, Customer Service I and II, Employability, Industrial, and Office Technology.

Mrs. Toney was selected because she was available at the time the position needed to be filled and the Adult Education Director felt she would be able to relate with the students well. When asked if she enjoyed her position, Mrs. Toney responded: “Yes, because I get a chance to interact with the students and encourage them to use the skills WAGE and Think Legacy Programs are enhancing them with, which to be spiritually, socially, mentally, physically and emotionally productive citizens when they go home to their families, friends, and the workforce.

Visit from Arkansas Securities Department... by Travis Farmer

On February 5th, we were honored to have a visit from Mr. David George. For anyone whom doesn’t know, Mr. David George is the Senior Securities Examiner and Investor Education Coordinator for the State of Arkansas. While I could definitely get into the abundance of this field, I will keep it lite and easy.

Mr. George is adamant about the KISS format. For those not familiar with military acronyms, this means Keep It Simple Stupid. Adhering to this motto will make life easier. Mr. George covers a vast amount of information, but the main points of his message is live within your budget, start saving as soon as possible, and don’t procrastinate. Believe me when I say this man is some type of guru when it comes to money.

Back Row: Ms. Foster, M. Montgomery, D. Burnett, T. Zapata, R. Joyner
Front Row: R. Mayhand, J. Durham, Mrs. Toney, C. Montana, R. Green

J. Spencer, E. Wadsworth, M. Montgomery, J. Toliver, R. Green, Mr. George, R. Mayhand, T. Zapata, T. Farmer
Words are powerful. They have life. We were created to encourage each other by speaking positive words of encouragement into each other’s life. By doing this, we are building each other up. I believe we all can agree on this. So let’s start speaking life into each other. This is the year we start.

A New Year… by Joshua Spencer

We all know that a New Year comes with all sorts of things, such as a new start, new dreams and also a New Year’s resolution. Taking the time to follow through with an intensive rough draft plan can be a little chaotic at times, due to the journey involved. Then comes a check off the mile long list we created at 11:59 p.m. New Year’s Eve and a sense of success begins to unfold. I encourage others to encourage others to step outside their personal boundaries, be God like and help others fulfill their dreams, desires and yes, even New Year’s resolution. Let’s make 2019 great.

Mock Interviews with Mrs. Wilson… by Nathan Crawford

Mrs. Wilson, Ms. Foster and the Think Legacy mentors held mock interviews to see where the Think Legacy clients were with their interview skills. Some guys were pretty nervous, but overall, they did well. Having Mrs. Wilson and Ms. Foster there made for a more professional setting. It also gave some of us a chance to experience the interview process in a real manner. We want to thank the administration, Warden Golden and Deputy Warden Dykes, for allowing Mrs. Wilson to help us with this lesson. We would also like to invite the administration to sit in on our next mock interview. Thank you Mrs. Wilson for your help and feedback.
Getting to Know Your Mentors... by Terry Mudge

Travis Farmer is a great asset to our Think Legacy Re-entry program. He is well educated and liked by all. He will take the time to listen and teach to one's needs if desired. He goes above and beyond to help others in whatever their quest may be. Travis enjoys drawing and has a gift for creating life-like portraits. The Delta Think Legacy program is honored to have him as our top mentor. Do what you do Travis.

Going Home... by Cornell Griffin

Home is where I want to be. That is my objective and this is my year. I cannot wait until the day comes when I go home. I cannot wait to be in the presence of my wife, for good. Just to be able to spend time with my family daily will be a great blessing to me and for them. It will feel good to be able to support my family the way a husband, father, and grandfather is supposed to. Getting a job is the first thing I will do. When I am not at work, church, parks, fishing, of course the zoo and whatever else my wife and grandkids can come up with is how I will spend my time. I just want to stay in the presence of my family. Home is where I am going in 2019. My positive mindset and desire to stay in the presence of my wife is what will keep me on this path. I know none of this would be possible if it was not for my Heavenly Father.

Valentine’s Day... by Joshua Spencer

A little crush, a strange connection, heart shaped candy, chocolate, and silly cards seem to be fitting for Valentine’s Day. Cupid shoots arrows from a heart shaped bow and is obsessed with causing two individuals to fall in love. It’s almost as if Cupid was make believe. In classical Mythology, Cupid was portrayed as the son of the goddess of love, Venus and the god of war, Mars. Cupid, being full of love and intimacy, fell in love with a mortal named Psyche, only to pan a deal, they could marry under the conditions she couldn’t see his face, hence the saying love is blind. Make believe or not, Valentine’s Day is about love.
Quotes from Graduates… by Nathan Crawford

W. Andrews: “I haven’t always made good decisions, but coming to Think Legacy was one of the best. Ms. Foster and her team of mentors have provided me with some of the greatest tools I’ll need to be a productive citizen.”

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Participant’s View

“I’ve been in limbo of the many choices in life bestowed upon me. Being in the “Think Legacy” program has inspired and enhanced my thought process pertaining to the many decisions to improve my life. I’ve come to terms with reality, as the reasons I’m continuing to make the same mistakes over and over again. I now see and understand how it played such a major part of my adulthood being incarcerated. Knowing how to do right is already instilled in me, but to do wrong seems to be done without thought. So far, all that I’m learning in the program has embarked on my subconscious, yet still bedded down through uncontrollable negativity. It is long overdue in which I must get a grip of reality and make better choices to become even more productive and successful in life.” – Fredrick Jackson, Think Legacy Participant

“I wanted to utilize this program to make a change for the better in my life and become a better person. While I’ve been here, I have learned how to make better choices, deal with my emotions more positively, and complete job applications, resumes and mock interviews. I have also learned how to communicate more effectively with others.” – Jansen Bailey, Think Legacy Participant

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