

The SRBWI - Georgia 10-10-10 Project

The Young Advocates Leadership Training (YALT), held at Haley Farm in Clinton, TN, April, 2010, gave the challenge to 125 young adults from across the country to build a movement that will strengthen the nation's commitment to our children and hold policy makers accountable for decisions that affect the lives of our children.

The two young adults from Georgia along with Minnesota, South Carolina, and Howard University embraced this challenge. Led by the vision of Darrell Young, an active young African American leader from the north side of Minneapolis (who lost a brother to gun violence), the Minnesota group made a commitment to implement a 10-10-10 march and rally to take place on October 10, 2010 with 10,000 participants asking lawmakers to respond to 10 pressing needs of America's children.

This Georgia branch of the New Abolitionist Movement is called Team New Age Movement. T-NAM is committed to making a challenge into something that will be around for many generations to come. Starting with six key issue, child welfare, poverty, quality education, health care, juvenile justice, and after school programs, plans are set to motion for a booth at a local kid's expo and a 10-10-10 rally.

This vibrant group of well-trained and inspired young leaders began the planning process for this event, which will precede the November elections in Georgia when a new governor, along with state House of Representative members and important congressional seats will be elected. In addition to preceding the state elections, this event will also occur a week before the National Observance of Children's Sabbath. There will be a press conference held at the gathering prior to the march.

At the rally, there will be music and spoken word by local groups, a celebrity key note, short speeches by civic leaders, clergy, and children. Candidates will be invited and given a few short minutes to say how they would address one of the focus issues. There will be a voter registration table, SRBWI information table, and Team New Age Movement program table. The rally will end with a challenge for change to give ALL Georgia's children a fair start in life. There will be commitment cards and/or stickers for participants to use to expand the movement.

Worked into the planning is a strong element of sustainability and long-term commitment to create a better support system for all Georgia's children. Out of the 10-10-10 march will come a committed force of advocates who will be followed up by our YALT members through speaking engagements in congregations, at town hall meetings and other community gatherings, as well as through electronic networking. They will mobilize to be active during the 2011 state legislative session to pass legislation supportive of the focus issues.

An extensive list of stakeholders has been developed and are being contacted in this initial stage of planning; we are also seeking community involvement and financial donors, to make this initiative a success.

The YALT leaders planning this event are being supported by CDF-Children's Defense Fund; Southwest Georgia Project, Southern Rural Black Women's Initiative for Economic & Social Justice, and Weldon Springs Baptist Church.

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Who are we? A group of young adults committed to making a difference in our community, city, state, country, and world. We embrace the philosophy of each one teach one, it takes a village to raise a child, and give a man a fish he can eat for the moment, teach a man to fish and he will eat for a life time.

We are committed to changing the future of our children as it applies to poverty, child welfare, health care, quality education, juvenile justice, after school programs, and secured housing. We know in order for people to survive and become productive citizens we must meet their needs.

For too long the voice of the 1960s has been silent and without a voice it has been said that, a nation without a vision shall perish and a body without a soul shall surely die. We stand on the promises of God to be givers not takers, the young people of the 1960s were a part of the solution not the problem. We plan to work in our communities for change to be a voice for the meek and stand for what is right to fight for the poor and destitute, for the bible tells us they will be with us always.

Therefore, we Team New Age Movement pledge our allegiance to God and our Country, to fight for the rights of the impoverished, disadvantaged, helpless, miss informed, imprisoned, and the injustices of this country and its people. By making our voices heard, through public speaking, town hall meetings, and policy changes.

We are the leaders of this country and we must work for a more united country if we are to have a strong future. The Time is now!!!

Welcome to Team New Age Movement