

# GUIDING LIGHT MENTORING

LOOKING TOWARD A BRIGHTER FUTURE



# MEET THE TEAM



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# ABOUT GUIDING LIGHT

- Established in 2014 by **Latisha Owens**
- Serves youth ages 8-18
- **Goal:** Support children and their families with positive role models, teaching relationships skills, and helping develop moral character
- Programs
  - Mentoring
  - Wellness
  - Tutoring
  - Leadership
  - Scholarship Opportunities
  - Case Management (TBD)





# MISSION STATEMENT

Provide youth with guidance, support, and encouragement to make positive decisions that lead to a successful life.



# VISION

## STATEMENT

Provide the opportunity for youth to achieve their full potential to live a successful and rewarding life.

# OUR SCOPE

## Mentoring

- Ages 8-18
- **1:1** community-based
- **Individualized** service plan created with short/long term goals for mentees
- **Bi-monthly** group outing

## Wellness

- Ages 8-18
- **Combined** with mentoring program
- **New** experiences
- **Physical**, emotional, and social health

## Tutoring

- Ages 8-18
- **Academic** assistance virtually or in person
- **ONLY** for current students enrolled in the mentor program

# OUR SCOPE

## Leadership

- Ages 9-12
- 5-6 summer program
- Over the next couple of months, will expand to an after school program
- **Focuses** on self-esteem, relationship building, and leadership skills

## Leadership Summit

- Ages 12-19
- **1-day** event that occurs every February at a local college or school
- **Theme** focused that changes each year
- **Includes** resources, food, music, workshops for both parents and students

## Scholarships

- High school seniors
- **ONLY** for current students enrolled in the mentor program that have been in program for a minimum of two years

# OUR SCOPE

## Project E.P.I.C

- Ages 16-24
- 12-week program with hourly group sessions
- **Student** handbooks
- **30-minutes** of onsite mentoring
- **Guests** Speakers
- **Focuses** on gang & gun violence, conflict resolution, trauma, anger management, self-esteem, leadership skills and more...



# Process



Workers/School complete youth referral form



Guiding Light Mentoring will request youth records, assessments, etc. for additional information if needed.



Info Session/1st day of program that leads into Youth Summit



Meet weekly for 1.5 hours for 12-weeks



Graduation/Give students certificates for completing program



Next group session to begin in November \*Last session ended in August\*



Youth Summit scheduled for February 10th with tentative location of The Graduate Hotel

# **COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

**Abundance University**  
**Cincinnati Police Department Youth Division**  
**Hamilton County Juvenile Court**  
**Healthy Links Mental Health Agency LLC**  
**Legacy Residential Homes**  
**National Network of Youth Ministries**  
**New Beginnings Church of the Living God**  
**The Global Learning Project**  
**\*Winton Woods High School\***

# DEMOGRAPHICS

## FY23

- Ages 14-24
- 52 Youth served
- 37 Male students
- 15 Female students
- 49 African American
- 2 Caucasian
- 1 Hispanic
- 39 residents of City of Cincinnati

# **FEEDBACK**

**Increased Confidence**

**Get along with their parents/guardians**

**Surround themselves with better influences**

**Fewer suspensions and expulsions since  
being in the program**

**No new offenses while in program**

**Discovered something with their mentor**

**Were motivated to go school or attend a  
job after the program**



**THANK YOU**

