

A Toast To Change – A Taste Of Success!

An Elegant Evening Simmers With Change and Success

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(Warner Robins, GA) December 16, 2009 - A fleet of elegant young girls and their parents experienced an evening that simmered with a taste of success. The parties arrived in limousines and were presented with roses that launched the exciting evening. The event took place last Friday, Dec. 11 at 6:30 p.m. at Warner Robins CME Church. Appropriately dubbed, “A Toast To Change – A Taste of Success,” the evening was held to celebrate the accomplishments and future success of those who have completed the S.I.S.T.E.R.S™ (Stay in School to Excel, Rise, Succeed) program. S.I.S.T.E.R.S is a mentoring program of Made 2B More™ at the Crossroads Center.

“Taste of Success was to give these girls a taste of what success could be and what could happen if they continue in their studies,” says President and CEO of Made 2B More™, Rhonda Mincey. “We just celebrated them that night!”



The evening featured a program that uplifted and inspired all who attended. Poems were read by Ashley Thomas, Lynisha Wilson and Nicole McCray. The girls wrote the poems during a workshop session. The title of the poems spoke to the theme of the evening: “It’s Time for Change” and “Destined for Success.” The evening also featured Jasmine Green, a 10th grade student at Perry High School and former Crossroads student. Green offered words of encouragement to the girls as they begin to transition back to their home school.

Certificates of completion were given to each girl who completed the 12 week S.I.S.T.E.R.S program. Mincey announced to the girls that, “walking across the stage to receive their certificate is just a foretaste of them walking across the stage to receive their high school diploma.” Gift bags consisted of T-shirts and tote bags, an inspirational “girl power” CD, and a sterling silver inspirational necklace.

“The whole event was good for the girls at Crossroads,” says Dr. Ronnie Walker, principal of Crossroads Center. “[Jasmine Green] who was in the program before and shared her experiences, talked with the girls about similar experiences she’d been through and what they all had in common...it was just a great, great experience.”

The S.I.S.T.E.R.S program is one of two programs of Made 2B More™. It is designed to help girls reach their full potential through mentoring. The program lasts from 9 to 12 weeks and is designed for at-risk girls. It consists of weekly sessions on topics including Goal Setting, Decision Making, and Self-Esteem.

Once the girls complete the program and transition back to their home school, they will be tracked to ensure they have good grades, stay out of trouble and are on the path to graduate high school.

“The main thing [these girls will take away], is self-respect, leadership abilities, and...self-esteem,” says Dr. Walker. “Ms. Mincey did an outstanding job!”

Mincey felt compelled to bring Made 2B More™ to Perry, after the program experienced tremendous success in the Atlanta area. Since Made 2B More™ opened its doors to the Middle Georgia community, it has been well received and continues to grow. For Mincey, the refined evening was about encouraging these young girls to continue to do well in their lives. “For one night, we made these girls feel special, which they are,” says Mincey. “Not only have we told them that they are beautiful, valuable, and loved, but we showed them. We believe that they can be successful, make good decisions, and eventually graduate from High School. I plan to be there to see it happen.”

ABOUT Made 2B More

Made 2B More™, Inc.'s mission is to teach young, at-risk girl between the ages of 11- 17, who reside in Metropolitan Atlanta and Middle Georgia, about life skills and leadership skill and to convey God's love through workshops, mentoring, conferences and recreational activities. Made 2B More™ was formed by President and CEO, Rhonda Mincey, after realizing the urgent need for young girls to have a safe and nurturing place to assemble in order to address the challenging and complex issues that inevitably confronts them. For more information, visit www.made2bmore.org

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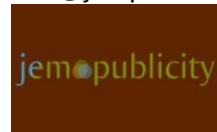
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