

#### Spring 2010 Newsletter

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## Change is Coming! Please Welcome Tiffiney Taylor, New Executive Director for Project URGE, Inc.

As Project URGE heads full steam into year nine, changes are ahead. Perhaps one of the most significant changes will be in the position of Executive Director. Mrs. Tiffiney Taylor will be taking the helm of the organization in April. She has a solid background in the Social Work field and is skilled in developing and implementing standardized policies and procedures, holding an MA Degree from Robert's Wesleyan College and a BA from St. John Fisher College.

Mrs. Taylor lives in Rochester and has worked with Grace Community Village, the Epilepsy Foundation and was Interim Director of Community Services from Sept. 2006 to Feb. 2007. Her professional development include areas of Diversity, Leadership skills, Communication and the African American Leadership Development Program, sponsored by the United Way in 2008. She also received the Urban League of Rochester, Black Scholar award and the Presutti Leadership Award from St. John Fisher College.

Tiffiney's background in Social Work, Leadership and Diversity are ingredients that we feel confident will enable her to lead Project URGE effectively into the next phase of development. Her experience and training will allow her to view the challenges accurately and build consensus toward tangible solutions.

Our new Executive Director, the Board of Directors and some team leaders held a Strategy Building Session/Retreat in Bristol over the first weekend in March. While the board and teams include a very diverse group of individuals, it was



evident that Mrs. Taylor fit well with the group, offering ideas and possible solutions to challenges throughout the session.

Tiffiney Taylor is a member of God's Vision Ministries Church on Hudson Avenue and is married with three children.



## Volunteers are the Heart of Project URGE

Kate Alden Jane Ames Bryan Babcock Christine Babcock Veronica Black Chris Boss Laura Boss Ray Boss Nelson Bowen Pamela Brown Melody Burri Paul Burri Cpt. Daryl Calhoun Mike Cangemi Linda Conklin Eva Irene Daughtery Prof. Lenoard Erb Mike Ewanechko Mike Furlona Ilieana Graves David Hanlon Maggie Harris Shawonda Harris Paul Heilman Brenda Heilman Darryl Holliday Rev. Phyllis Jackson Keith Jarrell Dave Johnson Joony Lomenzo Garry Manuel Mary Manuel Marshall Manuel Daun Nicholas Pastor George Nicholas Bonita Osbourne Shirley Place Kathryn Pridey Jake Randell Pam Renfro Phil Rhoda Michelle Rhoda Melodie Rios JoAnne Rosato

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We deeply regret inadvertently leaving anyone's name out -

#### A HUGE thank you to all our dedicated volunteers



Connecting and uniting churches, organizations and individuals in working together to break down barriers of poverty, race and despair in the name of Jesus Christ.

#### Project URGE, Inc. Donor Support 2009

#### CHURCHES:

Crosswinds Wesleyan Church Church of the Assumption Fairport United Methodist Church Pultneyville Reformed Church

#### INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS:

Chris & Laura Boss Greg Campbell Linda & Terry Conklin East Bloomfield Rotary East Bloomfiled Extra Ciricular Fund (proceeds from MeRJe Concert) (In honor of Marshall Manuel and Nick Wohlers) Patrick & Julie Eble Sue Golembeski Marlena Graves Dr. Peter Grinion David & Deborah Honness Garry & Mary Manuel Dr. William and Denise McKenzie Kathryn Pridey Brian & Natalie Rooney JoAnne Rosato Graham & Debbie Smith Mary Stevens Fred Stresing Elvira Velasquez

#### In Memory of Howard G. Manuel

(Father of Garry Manuel – Director/Founder) Patricia & Robert Bryce Sharon Bryce Jacalyn James William and Denise McKenzie Yvonne O'Shea Kathryn Pridey Christine Rodman Lynn and Wade Sober Tom & Pam Soule

#### In Memory of Norman Waterman

Dr. William & Denise McKenzie

Project URGE Donor Support makes our ministry possible!

#### Project URGE 2009 Fiscal Report

Expenses	
Administration and Consultant	\$915.00
Advertising and Promotion	\$350.00
Dues	\$50.00
Insurance	\$396.00
Legal and Accounting	\$35.00
Office Expenses	\$200.91
Payroll Expenses	\$88.00
Programs	
<b>URGEnt Presentation &amp; Tour</b>	\$577.26
CCDA Membership	\$150.00
Concert of Praise	\$105.00
Annual Dinner/Fundraiser	\$1,729.60
Newsletter Postage	\$870.89
Newsletter Print	\$1,147.20
Picnic	\$140.01
Saturday Sonshine Program	\$3,118.12
Seminars/Conferences	\$2,520.89
Strategy Building Meeting	\$25.00
Summer Camp (CLM/CWC)	\$126.75
US (Urban/Suburban Youth)	\$176.00
Total Programs	\$10,686.72
Telephone Expenses	\$529.16
Website Expense	\$1,627.02
Total Expense	\$14,877.81

**Total Contributions & Fundraising \$20,044.15 Net Ordinary Income** \$5,166.34 **Net Income** \$5,166.34

Please consider a \$25-50 monthly donation. Contributions can be sent to:

> Project URGE, Inc. 31 W. Church St. Fairport, NY 14450 or through PayPal on our website: www.projecturge.org

### Project URGE, Inc. A TEAM Effort - are you involved?

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#### BOARD of Directors – Bryan Babcock, Chris Boss, Eva Irene Daughtery, Darryl Holliday, Garry Manuel, and Mary Stevens

**BREAD RUN** – delivering baked goods to homeless shelters, soup kitchens & ministries on Sat. mornings

#### CHILDREN & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

- A. Urban/Suburban Youth Mission "US" Urban & Suburban youth groups working together, Bible study, fun and fellowship
- B. Summer Camp hosting or giving support to the various camps offered by URGE affiliates
- C. Sharing ideas for improving after-school programs
- D. Saturday Sonshine Program Educational, Entertaining and Edifying (ages 6-16), about twice a month on Saturdays hiking, field trips, Bible study, breakfast and more...

#### **CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

- A. F.O.R.T.H. (Faith Organizations Restoring & Transitioning Homeless)
- B. WIN (Wellness In our Neighborhood) participating in community building in N.W. Rochester
- C. 4 Point Plan strategy for Christian community development in 4 areas ("poverty crescent")
- D. SW Community Roundtable (in S.W. Rochester) participating w/ other agencies, schools and individuals to support change and help this area with growth and stabilization in a variety of ways
- E. CCDA membership attend & host workshops, conferences and seek outside expertise from urban practitioners
- F. General Meetings providing a forum for churches, ministries and organizations to share ideas, network and find ways to collaborate. Relationships toward building community begin here.
- **URGEncy Collection** collecting coats, winter-wear and food to be distributed to homeless shelters, soup kitchens and ministries serving those in need
- **CONCERT OF PRAISE** annual event bringing urban/suburban congregations in the Project URGE "family" together to worship. Past events have included guest speakers, like Dr. John Perkins from CCDA, Cross Culture Choir from Baltimore, workshops, the US group and more

**FUNDRAISING** – help to support Project URGE teams and ministry

- **GRANT & RESEARCH** research grant opportunities for Project URGE and other affiliated ministries, administering technical assistance and counsel with the Compassion Capital Fund in 2007, early 2008 researching other grant opportunities
- **JACOB'S LADDER** renovation, building and maintaining sites for non-profit organizations and minis tries (most affiliated collaborators with Project URGE)
- **PRAYER** prayer team covers ministries, volunteers and initiatives in prayer **PUBLICITY** -
  - URGEnt Presentation & Tour creates awareness of organizations and invites people to become involved in the various efforts portrayed by our affiliated collaborative partners.
  - Newsletter writing, layout, mailing etc. newsletter is distributed to approximately 700 people/churches

Booklets, Brochures, DVDs, Website

Speaking to churches and organizations

**VOLUNTEER COORDINATION** – helping to coordinate schools, church groups and individuals with volunteering with Project URGE and it's affiliate members and others serving the underresourced

Project Urban Revitalization, God Experienced



## Community/University Partnership Project (CUPP)

2010 Academy Training Series

These trainings which are held at Nazareth College are FREE. Project URGE suggests that your organizations take advantage of this educational opportunity.

Engaging the Community as a Community-Based Organization

Weds., March 24th, 4-6pm

Fundamentals of Community Organizations (Mission, Vision & Values)—
Mon., March 29<sup>th</sup>, 4-6pm

Collaboration: From the Grassroots Up & Facilitation of Prospective Partners Weds., March 31<sup>st</sup>, 4-6pm

Incorporating and Becoming a 501 (C) 3 Tax Exempt Organization Weds., April 7<sup>th</sup>, 4-6pm

Fundamentals of Web Development and Design Mon., April 12, 4-6pm

Strategic Planning and Outcome Management Tues., April 20, 4-6pm

Running Effective Meetings Mon., May 3, 4-6pm

Budgeting and Fiduciary Responsibilities Weds., May 5, 3-5pm

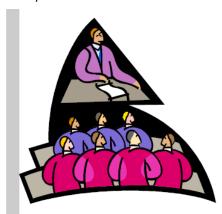
Developing a Sustainable Financial Plan Mon., May 10, 3-5pm

Introduction to Program and Practice Evaluation Mon., May 17<sup>th</sup>, 4-6pm

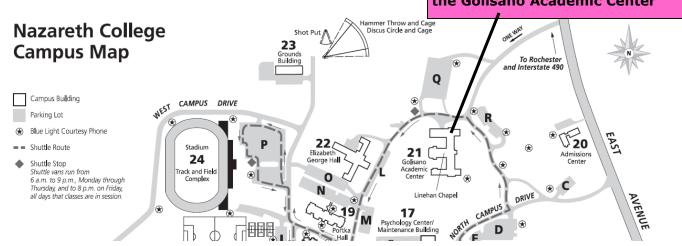
Service Learning: A Snapshot Weds., May 19<sup>th</sup>, 4-6pm

#### How to register:

E-mail: mkruege0@naz.edu Phone: 585.389.2449 Mail: Matt Krueger Nazareth College 4245 East Ave. Rochester, NY 14618



All workshops will be taught at the Golisano Academic Center



## \*\*Compeer Rochester, Inc.

"Making Friends. Changing Lives."

Compeer Rochester, Inc. is a non-profit mentoring organization that serves youth and adults in mental health treatment and youth with incarcerated parents. We have recently been recognized as a Project URGE affiliated collaborative partner and look forward to working with other organizations on matters of mutual interest or concern within our shared neighborhoods. By matching youth and adults in need of a supportive relationship with community volunteers, we endeavor to reduce the negative stigma associated with mental illness and promote community engagement and emotional well-being. For only four hours per month, YOU can positively impact the life of a person striving for mental wellness simply by spending time with him or her engaging in fun community activities and events. You do not need a counseling background or special skills or expertise. All that is required is a compassionate heart and a willingness to be a friend. To learn more about Compeer's programs, services, and opportunities for involvement, please contact kkreutter@compeer.org and/or visit our website at http://www.rochester.compeer.org or call 546-8280. Also, please save the date for our annual Andy Meloni Golf Tournament coming up on June 28th! We are currently looking for participants and sponsors, and would love for you to share in the fun!





Foodlink
and the
Pound for
Pound
Challenge

The Pound for Pound Challenge, sponsored by Feeding America, General Mills and NBC's *The Biggest Loser*, is in its second year of helping America "Lose Nationally, Feed Locally." For each pound participants pledge to lose, 14 cents - enough for one pound of food - is donated to help Foodlink fight hunger in our community. Foodlink and the City of Rochester partnered for the Pound for Pound Challenge to fight hunger and build a healthy community.

We are hoping to reach 50,000 pounds pledged which would be equivalent to 50,000 pounds of food that will be redistributed into our community! Currently we are over our half way mark thanks to the 950+ people who took time to pledge their weight loss.

#### Ways to Join the Challenge

#### **Pledge Pounds**

Go to <a href="www.pfpchallenge.com">www.pfpchallenge.com</a> and take the Challenge! Pledge your pounds and help our neighbors in need.

#### **Build a Team**

Tell your friends, family and co-workers about your efforts, encourage them to support you through an online donation, and get them on board to participate in the Challenge. Join Foodlink's Pound for Pound Facebook Group for local updates, and contests.



#### The Yahweh Ballet



Yahweh Ballet Choreographers Theresa Roesser Pernicano, left, and Jill Rechlin Collins, right.

The Yahweh Ballet is a Christian ballet company made up of technically trained, professional level ballet dancers whose vision is to bring glory to God and joy to our souls through excellence in Christian ballet and ministry. The company was founded April 18, 2006 by Sam and Sandy Arena and is under the umbrella organization of the Amanda Rose Belmont Center for Arts and Movement, a 501c3 nonprofit organization. The ballet company hosts three full length ballet performances annually. They are also available to minister at community and church events. The company's repertoire is diverse ranging from classical to contemporary and addressing modern day issues through a Biblical perspective including: the Dance of Mary Magdalene; Christmas Through the Eyes of Mary (based on the book by contemporary Christian writer Francine Rivers); Savior; The Life Ballet (bringing healing to men and women affected by abortion); and Miracles.

#### **Upcoming Events**

3/27 Miracles Ballet—The Yahweh Ballet presents "Miracles" about the Miracles of Jesus Christ when He walked the earth. Under the direction and choreography of Theresa Roesser Pernicano and Jill Rechlin Collins. Tickets are \$6 children/seniors and \$8 adults. See ww.youtube.com/yahwehballet. At the Finney School Auditorium, 2070 Five Mile Line Road, Penfield. Tickets at the door or by calling 585.442-7196. Yahweh Ballet trains at the Amanda Rose Belmont Center for Arts and Movement, 4 Elton Street, Rochester, NY 14607. www.yahwehballet.

4/9 – Hoop Dance Fitness Craze!! from 6:30 to 7:30 – Taught by Jen Moore, mom of Mairi Moore! As part of our Friday Night Workshop Series introducing new forms of dance and movement classes. A love donation to support the building will be taken. Reservations required. Call 585.442.7196. At the Amanda Rose Belmont Center for Arts and Movement, 4 Elton Street, Rochester, NY 14607. www.dfjballet.com

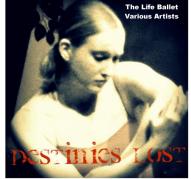
5/7 – Irish Dance from 6:30 pm to 8 pm – As part of our Friday Night Workshop Series to introduce new forms of dance and movement classes. A love donation to help support the building will be taken. Reservations required. Call 585.442.7196. At the Amanda Rose Belmont Center for Arts and Movement, 4 Elton Street, Rochester, NY 14607. www.dfjballet.com

5/15 – Amanda Rose Ballet – Honoring the life of Amanda Rose Belmont and sharing a message of the love and gentleness. Featuring members of the Yahweh Ballet and ballet students in our lower school Yahweh Ballet Training Program. Tickets are \$6 children/seniors and \$8 adults. At the Finney School Auditorium, 2070 Five Mile Line Road, Penfield. Tickets at the door or by calling 585.442-7196. Yahweh Ballet trains at the Amanda Rose Belmont Center for Arts and Movement, 4 Elton Street, Rochester, NY 14607. www.yahwehballet.org

6/4 - Davidic Dance Workshop from 6:30 to 8:30 pm - Rejoice in Dance! This workshop offers beginning/immediate instruction on Messianic Jewish Dance. The focus is on group circle dances which turns our hearts and minds upon the King of Kings with joy! Learn Hebraic steps such as the hora, mayim, yemenite, and tcherkessia, while dancing to the worshipful Messianic and con-

temporary Christian songs. Steps are interchangeable so dances are easy to learn, and can be danced in personal or corporate times of celebrating the Lord. Worshipping the Lord with dance is foundational to Jewish and Christian faiths. King David danced before the Lord with all his might (2 Sam 6:14). The Jewish people for centuries have danced for deliverance, for joy and gladness, and to honor the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and to celebrate the Lord's appointed times. God is restoring dance as an expression of our love and joy to His people. Men and women can easily learn to worship God with Davidic dance. Free will offering will be taken. Presented by Dona Watkins. Call 585.442-7196 to reserve. Wear loose and comfortable clothing.

8/24 - The Life Ballet: Appearance on The Miracle Channel, Alberta, Lethbridge Canada. Prayer and donations needed for this endeavor. This a Pro-Life Ballet. New original music for the Life Ballet can be heard at www.youtube.com/thelifeballet and will be available for download soon on iTunes. Free copies of the show excerpt are available. Call 585.442.7196 for a DVD copy to show your youth, community and women's group, or college/high school classroom.



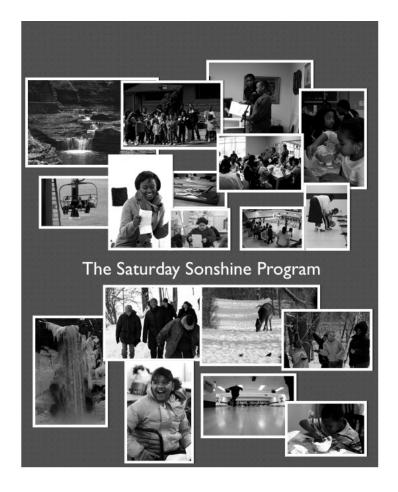


On alternate Saturday mornings you can find an eager, expectant, energetic group of 20 or more kids clustered together in the hall of Grace UMC in Rochester, each wondering what adventure lies ahead for them that morning. Project URGE's Saturday Sonshine Program does not disappoint. From October through June this ministry provides kids from 6-16 years old with a full morning of fun, friendship, exercise, education, and life lessons from the Bible. A hot breakfast is served to those who are hungry (courtesy of Grace UMC) and vans stand ready outside to load up and move out. Adult mentors give responsible leadership in a safe, loving environment, and children and teens are able to experience and see things they might not otherwise have a chance to enjoy.

With the unbending goal of being entertaining, educational and edifying, the Saturday Sonshine Program has lined up destinations like these for the coming year: Watkins Glen, Horse & Wagon Rides, Horse Back Riding, Basketball and Relay games at the Gym, Gallery One (drawing), Mud About You (ceramics), Slam, Mendon Ponds Park, Bowling, Taughannock Falls, Drama Kids, Maple Syrup Outing, Braddock Bay, Letchworth State Park, Elvin Weaver's Farm, Genessee/Maplewood Hike and Grimes Glen. In the event of unsuitable weather for outdoor events, a backup destination is always planned.

In addition to serving children and teens, the Saturday Sonshine Program is hoping to provide parents with a "surround group," a place where they can talk to others about their situations and challenges, build relationships, take positive steps to being better parents, gain a better foothold on life in general, and grow in their faith. This is in the developmental phase but has enormous potential for strengthening families and changing lives.

To learn more about Project URGE's Saturday Sonshine Program, see an upcoming schedule, or volunteer, check out <a href="mailto:www.projecturge.com">www.projecturge.com</a> or contact <a href="mailto:prourge@aol.com">prourge@aol.com</a> or phone (585) 223.8340.



Watkins Glen - Gallery One - Bristol Mountain - Mud About You - Gym - Mendon Ponds - Slam High, Bowling - Taughannock Falls

# Project URGE Presentation and Tour November 7, 2009



Early this November 7th adults and students joined forces with Project URGE and took a bold step to get on the solution side of poverty, hunger, homelessness in the Rochester community. Individuals and families hopped on board the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual URGEnt Presentation and Tour for a first hand view not only of the enormous challenges plaguing the community, but also specific ways they can actively address those needs. Each guest visited upwards of five key ministries and agencies currently serving the under-resourced, the abused, and at-risk youth and families, many in the 14611, 14613 and 14621 area codes. They talked with leaders of organizations and learned how and where to plug in with their talents and resources to make a lasting difference.

Stops on the tour included: Foodlink, Community Lutheran Ministry, Dance for Joy, Embracing Options, Gerhardt Neighborhood Outreach Center, Grace Community Village, Hope Initiatives, Recovery House of Rochester, Project URGE, Risego, Salvation Army, Sanctuary House and Youth for Christ. Programs spotlighted were after-school programs, children awaiting parents and summer camps for at-risk youth, soup kitchens, clothing ministries, entrepreneurial education, drug and alcohol rehab, food pantries, and a health/wellness clinic, among others.

The cost of admission was free again this year. In lieu of the price of a ticket, guests were invited to bring new or gently used coats, gloves, hats, towels, as well as canned goods or non-perishables which were distributed to homeless shelters, soup kitchens and other organizations currently serving the under-served in the Rochester area. Churches (like Crosswinds Wesleyan Church, St. John's Lutheran & Mennonites in Rushville) and individuals contributed over 200 coats, 250 lbs. of food and other supplies.

The 2009 URGEnt Tour may be over, but the work is just beginning. For more info about these high impact organizations and ways you might roll your sleeves up as a family, church, school or club, or even individually, check out the Project URGE website at <a href="www.projecturge.com">www.projecturge.com</a>. Sign up there to receive newsletters and updates. You can also find Project URGE on facebook for event photos and updates, or contact <a href="mailto:prourge@aol.com">prourge@aol.com</a> or phone (585) 223.8340.





#### Concert of Praise

#### Coming Together—Praising God

On Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, youth and adults from a variety of urban/suburban churches and organizations came together for a Concert of Praise. This annual event was hosted at the Fairport United Methodist Church and organized by the "US" (urban/suburban) youth group of Project URGE, Inc., which is comprised of teens from urban and suburban churches in the Rochester area. The mission is "Breaking down cultural boundaries through fellowship and serving others in the name of God."

It fully demonstrated that unity of spirit could be accomplished, and in fact, enhanced in an offering of very diverse worship styles. The worship time could be compared to a rainbow of praise, using the arts to glorify our Savior, Jesus Christ.

MeRJe offered contemporary worship up from Crosswinds Wesleyan Church. A variety of dances from Amanda Rose Belmont Center for the Arts were presented including one which featured a video behind the dancers, dedicated to delivering people from sex trafficking. From Outreach Temple there were the Scott singers and the Anointed Vessels Dance Team. The Fairport United Methodist Praise band and choir led in song. Risen Christ Lutheran Church offered a dance piece and Divine Destiny gave praise with a compelling mime. The Roberts Wesleyan College Step Team gave several impressive offerings of praise with their precise timing and steps.

At the conclusion, people weren't in a rush to leave. Most people (young and old) hung out having punch and baked goods while conversing with friends and getting to know others from the various churches and organizations present. The evenings' pure, homespun atmosphere, lent well to the Concert of Praise glorifying God and bringing folks together in a spirit of unity and hope. It left a great imprint as to all that is possible with God when His people come together.





#### Snow or No Snow— We Had a Great Time!!

On March 13 approximately 20 people gathered at Stewart Lodge in Mendon Ponds Park for a day of fun and fellowship. The event had been scheduled as a sledding event-the sledding hill was just outside our door. Lack of snow and occasional rain turned our attention to indoor fun!

When we arrived the Mendon Ponds staff had a wonderful fire blazing in the fireplace and Stewart Lodge was already warm and toasty. When folks arrived coffee, hot cocoa and soup provisions were unpacked and soon were warm as well. Games were unpacked, along with the makings for a laminated bookmark craft.





A small group did venture out to hand feed the chickadees on "Birdsong Trail" while sub sandwiches were picked up in nearby Honeoye Falls. During lunch we sat at tables with people we did not know well and answered questions from *Kid-Talk* conversation cards. Afterwards we continued to play games.

The event was organized by the **US**—the youth focused urban/suburban ministry of Project URGE. While at Mendon it was decided that the group would like to organize several activity events over the coming months. The mission statement of the **US** group is "Breaking down cultural boundaries through fellowship and serving others in the name of God." The fun and fellowship we experienced at Mendon Ponds, in spite of the weather, sure warmed our hearts and spirits!

#### Watch for more from US!







Dr. John Perkins states in his latest book, with Shane Claiborne, "Most effective leaders are the ones who recognize real pain, lead from within that pain and lead the people out of their own pain...The leader who can tap into our pain and walk through it with us—bearing our burdens like Jesus bears them—is going to be a real leader."

It was nearly a dozen years ago when I began volunteering at Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church with the Kidz Kafe` program that was led by Pastor Thomasina Owens. It was that experience that led me on the URGE journey. In the summer of 2001 I began formulating plans to begin Project URGE, with a vision to partner urban and suburban churches with organizations, understanding there would need to be a more concerted effort among churches to truly impact the challenges of the community (Matthew 13:33) and to wrestle with what racial reconciliation would need to look like.

In a story that would take too long to describe in this space, the Lord has taken me on a pivotal journey (which has not ended) to bring black/white/Latino/Asian, congregations together to work toward solving our social challenges, while building relationships across these dividing lines. I witnessed the pain and turmoil of many of the people I worked with and came to understand the injustices that are associated with race and the circumstances that spawn from poverty. Too many children live with this daily. It pained me when I started and equally now.

My decision to step down from being the director is **not** a result of no longer believing in what we have all set out to do. If anything, I am **more convinced** than ever that our goals and initiatives are making a profound difference. This is not to say that we have accomplished all that is needed, but I challenge you to look at the past eight years and see how far we have come in regard to accomplishing our goals and objectives. But if you're like me, then you're a forward thinker. I've learned from the past and cherish the memories, but I'm constantly looking to the future and imagining what could be. We all share in the cross we must bear and the burdens we must carry.

The position of Executive Director will soon be in the hands of Tiffiney Taylor, a graduate of Robert's Wesleyan College. I truly believe she has the capacity to inspire and drive Project URGE to the next phase. Her experience, training, and most importantly, her love of God will assist her well in all phases of the task ahead. Please welcome her, support her, pray for her and join with Project URGE, Inc. to accomplish all that the Lord has set in our hearts.

I remain convinced that the work we are doing throughout the community is vital. I'll be transitioning to the role of Board Chair and focusing on a couple key areas of this ministry, as well as helping Tiffiney to ramp up into this multi-faceted organization.

It would be impossible for me to express the value of the relationships that I have gained over the past eight years. Truly, it has been life changing. Many of the folks that attended our first "official" meeting in March of 2002 remain involved in this ministry today. I am indebted and humbled by the dedication

of those who have chosen to take this journey with me, having committed to being the hands and feet of Jesus Christ through this organization we call Project URGE (Urban Revitalization, God Experienced).

Blessings and peace,

Sarry [ Manuel



## Project URGE Upcoming Meetings and Events

Friday, May 14—General Meeting 7-9pm Location to be announced Wednesday, June 16—Project URGE Annual Dinner

6-9pm Location to be announced
Sunday, July 11—Project URGE Annual Picnic
2-6pm Ellison Park –Island Shelter. Bring a
dish to pass. Games and face painting for the kids and kids at heart.

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