

## About Us

THE VILLAGE is a 501©3 mentoring organization that serves young men from the St. Louis Metropolitan community. THE VILLAGE provides these young men with the tools needed to achieve success in the areas of academics and career planning.

As a result of THE VILLAGE mentoring program, our mentees have demonstrated high levels of success in school, stayed committed to serving their community and have attended college. Some of the colleges our program graduates currently attend are Harris-Stowe State University, Maryville University, University of Missouri, University of Michigan, Texas Prairie View University, and a host of junior colleges and trade schools.

## Key Program Statics

- 100% of our mentees are black males between ages 6 to 18 years old
- 65% of mentees do not live in a two-parent household
- 25% of mentees live with someone else other than their birth parent
- Household incomes range from below \$10K to \$100K
- Median household incomes are between \$25K to \$50K
- Biological Fathers do not live in 85% of households served
- 33.3% of households served have received some form of state or federal assistance
- 100% of young men who stick with our program graduate from high school
- The average youth has been enrolled in our mentoring program since two -years old. On average, mentees join The Village at 10 years old
- Average mentee program age is 13 years old
- 85% of mentees attend public school. 9.5% attend private school
- 81% of mentees play a team sport
- 85.7% are not involved in any other mentoring program



## Our Community Partners



## Contact Us

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## Mentoring Meetings

- Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday
- 12 months a year
- 9 am – 4 pm



**The Visionary**  
 THE VILLAGE (a 501©3 organization) was founded in 2010 through the vision and dream of our founder Kenan Morrison. The organization began with 2 young men who were constantly wreaking havoc in the youth ministry at Mr. Morrison's church. Rather than

push them out in the safest place they could be, Mr. Morrison took it upon himself to take them in and recruited them to assist him in the upkeep of rental property he owned. After a few Saturdays, attendance increased where Mr. Morrison soon recognized that a mentoring program was needed far beyond the limits of the church walls. Today, THE VILLAGE serves over 45 young men across the greater St. Louis area. The objective of the organization is to impact the lives of these young men, so they grow up to be great leaders, fathers, and mentors. We want to produce well rounded, productive young men.

**What THE VILLAGE Provides**

- Real life experiences
- A safe place to explore
- Healthy Peer Relationships
- Sustainable Work Ethic
- Decision making and problem-solving skills
- Peer Mentoring
- Exercise Cognitive Development
- Parent/Youth Mediation

**The Vision**

To influence the minds of young men to become better men thereby experiencing joy and taking pride in their labor.

**Mission**

To extend an honest hand to the next generation by connecting youth with empowered and enlightened adults who will provide those youth with academic assistance, spiritual guidance, and life skills training to give them the experiences needed to excel in all aspects of life.

As we continue to grow our programs and stay in a position to provide the services and resources that we have, we would like for you to become a part of our village. Your support will go a long way in making sure we can continuously grow and serve the needs of our young men in St. Louis.

**Who We Serve**

THE VILLAGE serves over 45 young men all across the greater St. Louis area. 100% of our mentees are black males between the ages of 6-18 years old. We serve households who live in South City, West City, Ferguson, North City, North County, Jennings, Riverview, Olivette, Bridgeton, Clayton, Alton, Illinois and East St. Louis, Illinois.

**Programs**

Mentoring components consist of three key program areas in the lives of our mentees: 1) Academic Assistance, 2) Spiritual Guidance and 3) Life Skills. These programs are led by a core of committed volunteers and community leaders. The young men also participate in monthly activities that expose them to new experiences that they would not normally get to enjoy. Some of the highlights of what they participate in consist of participating robotics programs, annual college tour, financial literacy summit, theater, and numerous extracurricular activities.

**Community Education Programming**

- Learn, Work, and Then Play
- Man Talk
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. A.M.P.
- Youth Summit/Workshops
- S.T.E.M. Clay Elementary Academy of Exploration and Civics
- Hyde Park Partnership
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Omicron Eta Omega Chapter ~ Little Miss Fashionetta@ Escort Program
- Village Gala
- Village Trivia Night

