



# READY GOLF ACADEMY



*photo By Marcus Bennett*

## DID YOU KNOW?...

- Researchers have identified adult male scarcity and absences as a predictor and magnifier of problem behavior in young black males.
- Research suggests that exposing young black males to positive male role models is associated with less problem behavior.
- Studies have shown that increasing a student's life skills and sense of self can improve their academic confidence and test scores.



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Ready Golf Academy is a youth development organization that engages children through athletic activities, mentoring, academic tutoring, and personal development coaching. Ready Golf Academy is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization that was established in March 2014 to address the critical need of providing meaningful activities that promote the social and emotional well-being of disadvantaged, at-risk, and underserved youth in the Washington Metropolitan Area.

### MISSION

Ready Golf Academy operates with the mission to foster positive youth development by mentoring, motivating, and inspiring underserved children.

### VISION

Ready Golf Academy develops people who will make positive contributions within their communities.



## **CORE VALUES**

**Honor.** We encourage and expect all children involved in our programs to consider ethical and moral standards in all of their decision-making and in their actions toward others.

**Respect.** We believe that respect begins with having respect for yourself, which leads to having confidence in your abilities; when you respect yourself, you are at your best. Therefore, we encourage all Ready Golf Academy participants to treat ALL people with respect, regardless of age, status, stature, means, etc.

**Discipline.** We encourage all children involved in our programs to exercise self-control in all situations and environments (in the classroom, on the golf course, and in their communities).

**Responsibility.** We strive to teach each of the children involved in our programs responsibility. We use positive youth development to help each child understand how to accept responsibility for all of their actions.

## **STRATEGIC GOALS**

1. Ready Golf Academy will secure the necessary mission-compatible funding to build Ready Golf Academy and its programs, build mutually beneficial partnerships, and effectively allocate financial resources.
2. Ready Golf Academy will create programs that expand the horizons of the underserved youth involved in those programs by exposing them to unique opportunities and supportive adult role models who can help them reach their goals.
3. Ready Golf Academy will identify children's career goals and interests and connect them with professionals in those fields who can offer them advice and opportunities.
4. Ready Golf Academy will respond to the needs of the children its programs serve in order to offer them the most effective support services essential to helping them meet their goals.

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## **CURRENT AND FUTURE PROGRAM OBJECTIVES**

**Personal Development.** Children learn positive values and social skills that are not taught in the classroom, which they can apply in their adult lives, such as responsibility, planning, and decision-making. Our military-style training programs set boundaries and expectations for these children. Finally, children enjoy access to and the support of positive adult role models.

**Academic Development.** Children who need academic assistance have access to tutors and educators who help to strengthen their commitment to learning. Tutors and educators focus on subjects where students are weakest and make learning fun, while developing the children's confidence.

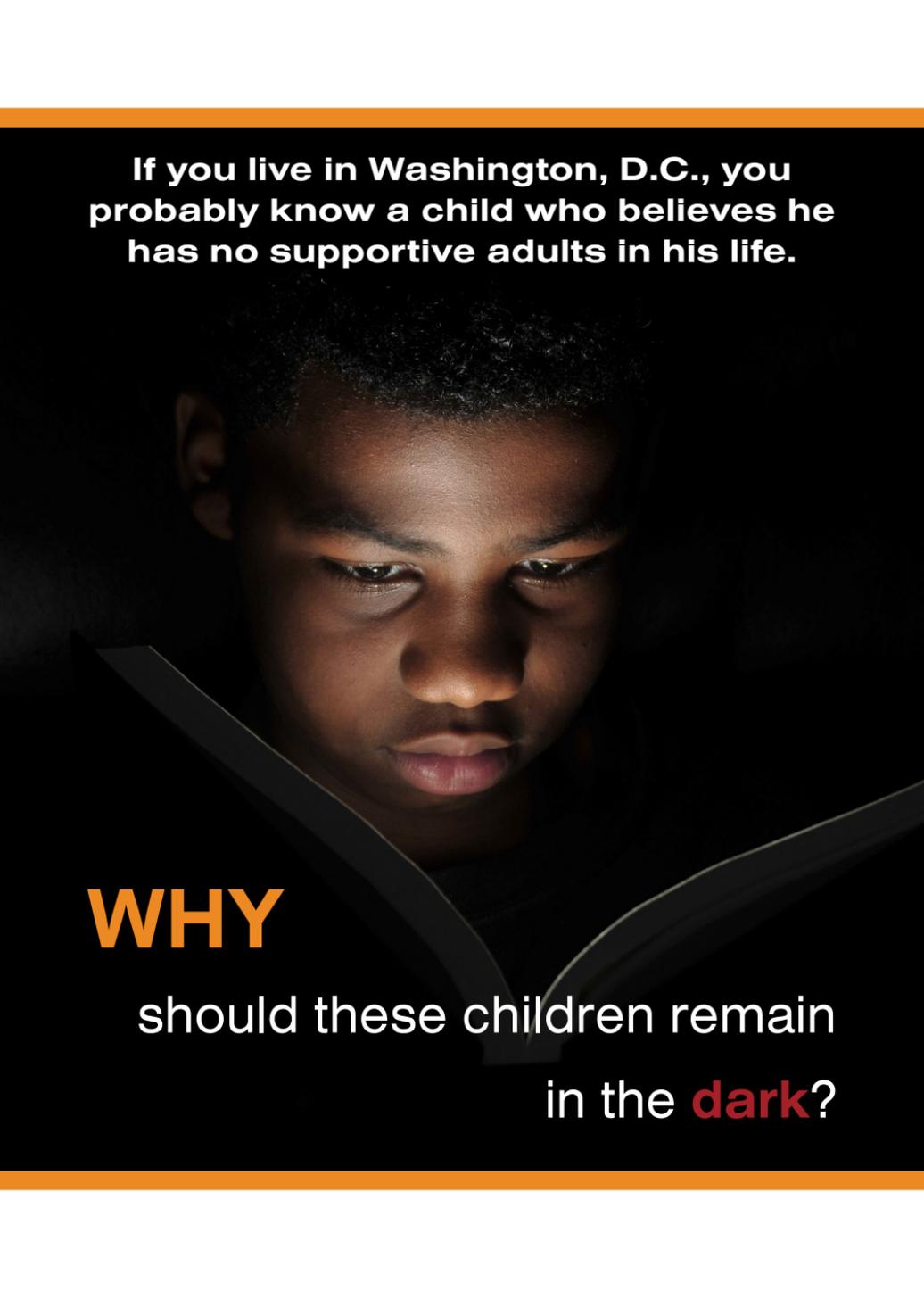
**Emotional Well-Being.** Some of our children may bring traumatic past experiences with them to the program. We will address those difficulties by offering mental and behavioral health services to help them reestablish their sense of purpose and optimism about the future.

**Constructive Time Use.** Sports are a core component of the Ready Golf Academy. Our programs use sports, like golf, as buffers to help children absorb all of the developmental lessons that our programs provide.

### **FUNDING NEEDED - \$10,140**

The Academy provides all services, clothing, meals, and transportation to the children free of charge, which extends its accessibility to those who are priced out of and distanced away from other programs. The above amount will fund the Ready Golf Caddies training camp to prepare caddies for the 2015 Ready Golf Tour season, so that the children can enjoy access to qualified and adequate staff members, transportation, and meals.

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If you live in Washington, D.C., you probably know a child who believes he has no supportive adults in his life.

**WHY**

should these children remain  
in the **dark**?

Show them you care.  
Help them reach their full potential.

**DONATE TODAY**

to invest in their futures.

Visit [www.ReadyGolfAcademy.org](http://www.ReadyGolfAcademy.org)  
for more information.





**“The Ready Golf Caddies program can broaden a young person’s horizon by showing what they can accomplish through hard work and education. It can inspire them to look beyond the streets and buildings in their neighborhoods and do more than what they see every day.”**

**—Ready Golf Founder, Micheal Davis  
(pictured left)**

## **READY GOLF CADDIES**

Currently, Ready Golf Academy operates through its flagship program, Ready Golf Caddies. Through the program, Caddies master four core values: Honor, Respect, Discipline, and Responsibility. The program also creates a catalyst whereby children connect with adult role models who aid in supporting their development. In this way, Caddies expand their social capital by developing relationships with people whom they may have never had the opportunity to meet. When the children are not caddying, they enjoy access to golf equipment, lessons, and golf courses that were once inaccessible to them.



**Tyrin, 16, 10th grade, Washington, D.C.**

**Career Goal:** Engineer

**College/University Goal:** West Virginia University or West Point;  
Aeronautical Engineering

**Why he enjoyed the program:** “This experience is good because we are connecting to meet new people. So, we have to make a good impression.”

**The most important lesson he learned from the game of golf:**  
“Golf is a game of fundamentals. It helps you think better.”



**Terrell, 16, 11th grade,  
Washington, D.C. (pictured left)**

**Career Goal:** Musician

**College/University Goal:** North  
Carolina State University

**How the program helped him  
change his behavior and  
interactions with his peers:**  
“I learned how to have respect  
for others. My teachers said I  
improved in all my classes. I cut  
off my bad friends.”

**Ervin, 17, 11th grade,**  
Washington, D.C.

**Career Goal:** NFL, NBA

**College/University Goal:** West Virginia University or University of Florida; Criminal Justice

**Why he participated in the Caddies program:** “It was nice to get out of the area and do something nice and have fun with friends.”

**How the program helped him change his behavior:** “I don’t do the same stuff I used to do. I used to stay getting in trouble, but now, I don’t do the stuff I used to do. When I see my peers doing stuff, I don’t follow them. I just go about my business.”



**Nathaniel, 17, 11th grade, Washington, D.C. (not pictured)**

**Career Goal:** Engineer

**College/University:** North Carolina Central University; Engineering

**The most important lesson he learned from the program:** “No matter where you come from, you can always be successful.”



**Ronald, 15, 10th grade, Washington, D.C. (pictured center)**

**Career Goal:** Architect or FBI agent

**College/University:** University of Miami, Stanford, or Syracuse

**How the program piqued his interest in golf:** “Ready Golf Caddies program actually influenced me to keep going toward a golf career. So actually I bought a couple of clubs and I work on hitting golf balls.”

**How the program caused him to change his behavior on the weekends:** “I used to sit back on the weekends doing nothing. This golf caddies program, pulled me out of the slump I was in.”

**How the program changed his behavior and interactions with his peers:** “Friends ask me why I am speaking so properly, now.”

## DONATION

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