



When People Touch, Lives *Change.*

Summer Edition

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Summer Camp:

One Pearl Leadership Camp

July 14, 2008 – July 18, 2008

9:00a.m. – 12:00p.m.

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1:00p.m. 4:00p.m.

Camp will include daily interactive activities designed to build character, leadership, and promote self-esteem.

Each day will include:

- Girl Talk
- Art/Craft project
- Organized sport and team building
- Community Service projects
- Journal writing

Snacks are provided daily and the camp culminates with a focused field trip.



**Derschaun Monique Sharpley
 President and CEO**

Welcome!

to H.I.S. News

"You Are the Gift" Conference for Girls



On August 9, 2008, we will be hosting our first annual conference for girls at Wayne County Community College Districts Downtown Campus. This special event will bring together over 200 girls ages 11-16 to explore and celebrate self-esteem and confidence. The day's MC will be the amazing author Linda Jones-Remson, a special guest speaker, and numerous other inspirational women who will share their success stories.

The jam-packed day will inspire and teach on self-worth, communication skills, relationships, financial stewardship, health & fitness, etiquette, peer pressure, and inner and outer beauty. Hands-on workshops and labs will include self-defense, cooking demonstrations, a spa-zone with mini-makeovers, and so much more! The event will run from 8:30a.m. – 3:00pm and the event includes continental breakfast, lunch, and a wonderful goodie bag. Registration begins Monday, July 7, 2008. **This event is free & spaces are limited. First come, first served!**

If you would like to donate items for girls to be included in their gift bags or to be a sponsor for this awesome event, please download and return the sponsorship packet from our website at www.hisagency.org and return by August 1, 2008

We hope to see your "Gift" there!

Many Blessings,
Derschaun M. Sharpley

Responsibility

PEARL OF WISDOM

"You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by avoiding it today," Abraham Lincoln wisely observed. It may be human nature to procrastinate, but if we look at responsibility as a skill to be learned, not something we are born with or without, we can develop it through practice! Indeed, acting irresponsibly or leaving everything until the last minute is one source of life chaos that we can control.

If responsibility is something we can practice, then is it something we can teach? How can we teach others, especially our children, to "be responsible?" No matter what flaws and mistakes may be in the past, today's a great day to start practicing: being an example is by far the best way to show the next generation the way! Let's show our kids that we mean what we say to others, that we do what we promise, that we work hard, and that our faith and our families and friendships are priorities.

Responsibility is also something we can teach by giving. Holding our kids responsible for their homework, pets, family members and family rules isn't about yelling when things don't go our way. It might be about supporting the process, and showing pride and affirmation for expected accomplishments. H.I.S. Agency encourages kids to be responsible to their elders, homework, family, and to themselves. Even kids who are 'starting from scratch' find a glowing sense of pride from a few simple manners and affirmations, as they begin to see how much they might be capable of with a little belief in themselves!



Dining-4-Success Workshop

On May 31, 2008, Angelica Ellis, Miajenae Goldsby, Leah Lewis, Bria & Briana Moore, and Deja Smith, participated in the "Dining-4-Success" Workshop at Meriwether's in Southfield. They learned the importance of proper dining etiquette and how to conduct themselves as ladies at all times. The Detroit Free Press covered

this event and the full article can be found on our website at www.hisagency.org

Here are the comments from the participants:

- "It was so much fun!"
- "We learned things that we can use forever"
- "I learned things that I didn't know, and I can't wait to tell my mom so she can come!"
- "I didn't know I was cutting my food wrong, but now I know how to do it right."
- "If I just remember to make a b and a d with my thumbs and first fingers for the bread and drink, I will remember what's mine on the table."
- "All girls and boys should take this class. It will really help them with their manners and boost their confidence."

Our next workshop will be held on **July 19, 2008 from 1:00p.m. – 3:30p.m.**

If you would like to enroll your son or daughter or to inquire about group rates or private sessions, please contact us at **313.522.2503**.



Simply Stylish & Stunning

Sephora, BCBG, and Saks Fifth Avenues Premier Salon in Somerset Mall have partnered with us to provide 15 girls an experience they will never forget! They will receive a "natural" makeup enhancement session, a meeting with a top designer to discuss and try on the latest fashions, and they will receive a new hairstyle just in time for summer. They will also receive a gift card to spend at Sephora.

There are limited slots, so act fast by calling 313.522.2503.

Pearl Profile- Miajenae Goldsby



Miajenae Goldsby, nicknamed "Nae Nae", is a 6th grade student at Birney Middle School where her favorite subject is Social Studies. Miajenae's long-term goal is to work with special needs students because of her love for helping those in need.

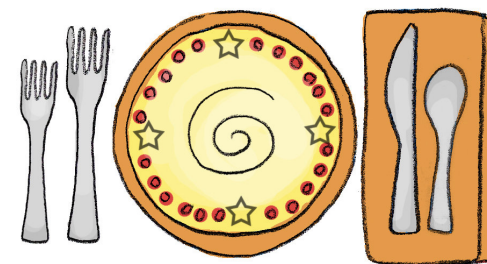
Miajenae has three-year-old twin siblings, who she wants to be an example for and realizes that the things she learned in One Pearl like the two communication styles are important when communicating with them. "They are like sponges and I want to make sure that what I say doesn't hurt them because words have power. I'm their big sister and I have to be an example of the right things to do and I learned many of those things in One Pearl. Like the importance (100% important) of having a positive attitude and how negative ones can really hurt others and us.

I also learned about goal-setting and it helps when you use the SMARTS technique because it makes it simple and I can always go back and adjust my plans if I need to. But I have to have a plan that's written down to change if necessary."

Testimonial from Dermeika Harper, Parent:

"Before attending One Pearl, "Nae Nae" was such a "Town Boy" and rarely wore skirts or other girly things, but after attending One Pearl and other programs H.I.S. has offered, she is more of a lady and I'm glad that I have someone to reinforce what I teach her and to instill in her things that I may miss as a mother because I was a "town boy" as a kid too. I definitely see a difference in the way she treats her siblings and her responsibility level at school and home. When you find someone who shares your values, you tend to hold on to them and this is how I feel about Derschaun at H.I.S. Agency. I involve Nae Nae in everything they have and I always see a difference in her."

Dining Etiquette Workshops:



"Dining for Success" For Youth

July 19, 2008
August 16, 2008
1:00pm – 3:30pm

(Act fast, slots filling quickly)



"Dining for Success" For Adults

July 26, 2008
August 23, 2008
September 27, 2008
1:00pm – 3:30pm
Location: Meriwether's

For more information, please contact us at 313. 522.2503.

10 Tips For Teaching Kids About Money:

1. Just Say No!
2. Teach them to procrastinate on purchases
3. Create jobs for your children at an early age
4. Create a budget
5. Make them question their spending
6. Help them pay themselves first
7. Teach them to understand the power of compound interest
8. Explain how compound interest can work AGAINST them
9. Have them read about the rules of money
10. Give back.

The full article can be found at www.crosswalk.com/finances/11574509/