

2022 IMPACT REPORT



SERVANT LEADER INTERNS

FSP employed
94 Summer Staff
including
73 Servant
Leader Interns

PARTNERS

12
Freedom School Sites

More than
1,600 volunteers
provided **5,300**
hours of service

IMPACT

84% of scholars
gained or maintained in their reading ability

Scholars took home more than **18,500** books
to build home libraries

After attending Freedom School, **89%** of scholars want to
make a difference in their school and their community

FSP distributed **675** back-to-school kits to scholars,
community members, and teachers containing
more than **50,000** items

35,000 meals were provided to scholars

SCHOLARS Over **600** scholars served



VOICES OF FREEDOM SCHOOL



Willie Pinson
Site Coordinator
Christ Lutheran
Church Freedom
School

Mr. Pinson is one of the many people behind the Christ Lutheran Church Freedom School site. After reading at *Harambee* in 2009, he knew he wanted to be involved in Freedom School and has been a Site Coordinator for the last 12 years. Over the years, he has seen the impact of Freedom School in scholars' lives, in their academics and social emotional growth. During the school year, he is the middle school chorus teacher at McClintock Middle School and has been for the last 22 years. "The greatest thing is that the majority of students that come through Freedom School, when they go back to school, they are ahead instead of behind ... You gotta love children. This is not a job. It's a calling and you have to capture that."



Our Mission:

To inspire our scholars to love reading and learning, believe in themselves, and create extraordinary futures.



Amani Parkins
3rd Year Servant
Leader Intern
Oakhurst
Freedom School
NC A&T Graduate

Amani Parkins is not only a 3rd year Servant Leader Intern at the Oakhurst Freedom School site, but also a former Freedom School scholar. "I saw the impact my intern made on me when I was a scholar. So, being able to make that same impact by helping a scholar be more comfortable in reading is great. Learning who your scholars are is really important. It helps you identify what you need to do and the different ways that they enjoy learning. You get to help them improve themselves."



Londyn Tyson
Level 3 Scholar
Christ Lutheran
Church Freedom
School

Londyn, a Level 3 scholar, believes that learning new things gives people the inspiration to learn more and use that knowledge in life. "When you learn more, you can elevate yourself to do more." Her favorite part of Freedom School was when she had the opportunity to write a book in class. "Freedom School has taught me to be a better person. Freedom School enhances your skills to learn about anything." Londyn attempted to write a book before, but got discouraged. Because of Freedom School, she has been inspired to write again.

Children's Defense Fund® Freedom Schools

are six-week summer literacy and character building programs serving children who most need and can least afford summer learning opportunities. FSP utilizes the Integrated Reading Curriculum (IRC) that provides age-appropriate books reflective of our scholars' history and heritage.



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