



# Father's House Kids Newsletter

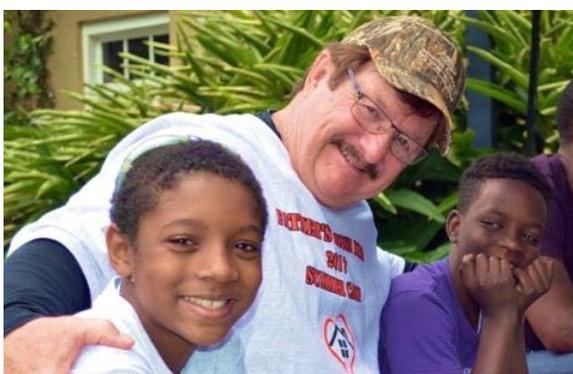
"Expressing Father's Heart in the Heart of the City of New Orleans"

## 2017 Summer Camp a Huge Success Thanks to Your Support!

*A life-changing resource in the heart of New Orleans for underserved boys and young men, ages 6-18*

We are thrilled to keep you, our faithful supporters, updated on the constant progress of Father's House Kids boys and young men. We are pleased to announce that our sixth annual **FHK Summer Camp was a huge success!** Our younger group of boys, ages 6-11, enjoyed every minute of our action-packed summer enrichment program. Each of the eighteen boys received swimming lessons and pool time, nutritious snacks and lunch, educational games and activities, STEM lessons and experiments, life skills lessons and team building activities each day. No one wanted camp to end and one little boy even suggested that we have summer camp every single day for the entire summer! Of course, that is a heartwarming response to the outpouring of nurturing and time spent by our faithful volunteers.

The boys are so grateful that you support this initiative by providing funding to feed and take care of them. We are pleased to be able to offer these underserved boys a special summer program, **completely free of charge**, in addition to our year-round weekly program. It is amazing to see how much the boys thrive when given daily reinforcement of the principles they learn in our weekly meetings! Thank you!



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*Our goal: To develop FHK boys and young men to be healthy and whole people who are able to contribute to our community.*

## FHK Boys Have an Impactful Visit from Respected Speaker, Retired NOPD Police Superintendent Eddie Compass

As the summer drew to a close and the boys began to prepare for the budding school year, we had a special guest speaker at our weekly Saturday Career Corps Program, Chief Eddie Compass. Currently, Eddie Compass serves as the Police Chief at Delgado Community College after retiring from the New Orleans Police Department as its Superintendent after 26 years of faithful service. Mr. Compass also served for 10 years as the Director of Public Safety and Security for the Recovery School District in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina.

Chief Compass spoke to the Career Corps boys, ages 11-18, about the incredible importance of being truthful and standing up for what is right. He stressed to the boys that despite pressure from others, they have a responsibility to be dedicated to what is right and just. He described numerous experiences in his long career in law enforcement that proved very difficult, but his message is one of encouragement and support for the next generation of young men in the New Orleans community. Chief Compass stressed repeatedly that rejecting drugs and crime NOW as boys and teens will make a life-changing difference in their development as adult men and eventually as husbands and fathers. His message was a perfect reiteration of the message our boys receive weekly, with the added impact of a seasoned police chief.

The FHK Team appreciates Chief Eddie Compass's support and looks forward to working with him in the future. Thank you, Chief Compass!



### “Boys to Men, Men to Husbands, Husbands to Fathers”

The vast majority of boys in Father's House Kids do not have a father present in the home. One of the most difficult challenges for a young man to overcome is the epidemic of “fatherlessness.” So many of the children in our inner-city community have experienced unbelievable hardship at a tender age. From witnessing murders, to the grief of losing parents and siblings to violence, these youth have felt the pangs of fatherlessness. There is a tangible void when there is no father in the home. A father protects. A father provides. A father instructs, disciplines and encourages.

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So Father's House Kids provides a place where volunteers spend **every single Saturday** and **every single Sunday** to provide a foundation of stability to these precious boys and young men. With the special team of volunteers of professionals, teachers and parents, the boys are offered support in every aspect of development. How can a little boy know what it is to be a man if he has no one to look up to? How can a young man be a husband first and then a father if he has no father to mentor him?

We provide a clear path of development that fosters physical strength and nutrition, submission to authority, strong work ethic, perseverance, emotional health, and above all, strength of character. When our boys have progressed in the program for years (many of our boys have been with us for 5 years+), we have a job pipeline in place for them to begin their career journey to become a provider. This is a place of transformation where we witness the metamorphosis of "Boys to Men, Men to Husbands, Husbands to Fathers."



## Valero Engineers Visit and Teach Career Corps Boys about Pulleys

Science Technology Engineering Math



Special thanks to two **Valero Meraux Refinery** engineers, **McClain Robinson** and **Corey Wax** for leading an excellent pulley demonstration for our Career Corps Saturday program. The boys learned the basics of pulley mechanical advantage design and how the number of pulleys increases and decreases the effective load. McClain Robinson constructed the pulley for this activity, which included 30-lb. weights, force gauge and tape measure. Our young men learned how to brainstorm pulley configurations based on target loads and how to practically apply pulley systems for cranes, boat rigging, elevators, and aircraft. This workshop concluded with review of the math involved in pulley configurations. What an incredible opportunity in STEM development! Thank you, McClain Robinson and Corey Wax. We look forward to our next Engineering workshop!



## Boys Develop a Strong Foundation in STEM

Father's House Kids offers a wide variety of hands-on learning and practical application to boys of every age through exposure to STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) experiments and activities throughout the year. FHK would like to recognize and thank **Teresa Clum, Machinery Engineer at PBF Chalmette Refinery**, for her weekly volunteering for several years as a Career Corps training asset, math tutor, and driver, offering her mechanical expertise to help the boys. Our boys and young men are developing in every way. In particular, they are interested in the educational and career opportunities that a strong foundation in STEM offers. We hope you enjoy seeing how much they enjoy their STEM experiments! Stay tuned for plans to expand our educational capabilities at our FHK Training Center in 2018...



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