

Northwest CommUnity Coalition for Youth (NCCY)

"Stop the Violence"

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NCCY Seeks Volunteers to Make NW Schools Safer

The Northwest CommUnity Coalition for Youth (NCCY) is looking for a few good men, **and women**, to join its Safe Corridors program. Safe Corridors provides a safe haven for students to and from school and reduces the overall numbers of random attacks on students by students.

NCCY Chairperson Isabella Fitzgerald said, "We have a core of great volunteers but we need more. We encourage men and woman in our northwest community to give a few hours per week to be a presence as our children go to and from school. We know students will be less likely to misbehave if they are encountered by a familiar face. Safe Corridors has worked well all across the city. We need your help to make the NCCY program stronger."

The Safe Corridor program is facilitated by NCCY's Faith Based Committee. NCCY's Faith Based Committee works to engage the Faith Based Community's participation in NCCY projects and programs and seeks partnerships with NW area churches, mosques and other religious communities to exchange and promote ideas aimed at positively motivating young people.

Rev. Johnny Odom, NCCY Faith Based Committee Team Leader said "these are your children, my children, our children and our future and we are charged to guide, direct and protect them"

The schools that have an immediate need for volunteers include Martin Luther King High School, HOPE Charter High School, Imhotep Institute Charter High School, Germantown High School, Wagner Middle School, John L. Kinsey School, Roosevelt Middle School, and Wister Elementary School.

NCCY is an organization of partnerships formed six years ago with the mission of strategizing and implementing programs to keep young people safe. NCCY's mission is . . . *"to insure that our young people are safe and feel secure; NCCY will accomplish this mission by identifying conditions within our community that decreases youth safety and by developing strategies and employing measures to eliminate these conditions"*

Interested Safe Corridor volunteers should contact Isabella Fitzgerald at (215) 429-8051 or Rev. Johnnie Odom at (215) 391-0738. They may also feel free to attend NCCY's next Safe Corridors strategy meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 3 pm at 7174 Ogontz Avenue.

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