



“At all times, Black men need to think and re-evaluate where they are as men, co-workers, lovers, husbands, fathers, and brothers in a healthy and developmental manner.” Haki Madhubuti

BLACK MALE DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM 2010

Join us for our Advisory Planning and Committee Meeting
Friday, February 19, 2010 from 6 – 9p.m., Kuch Hospitality Suite
Arcadia University, 450 S. Easton Road, Glenside, PA

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The 6th Annual Black Male Development Symposium, presented by Village Builders Concepts, will be held **Saturday, May 15, 2010**, at Arcadia University, 450 South Easton Road, Glenside, PA. Over the past six years, the symposium has been attended by over 4000 young men and women, families, and professionals. The Symposium was created to address the life threatening issues facing Black males and their families. Philadelphia, like many of our urban communities, has had to deal with the deaths of too many young African American males. The role call has become too long and too painful. Young men like college-bound Quaid Staten, who was killed during a holdup by an all too familiar suspect—young, lost Black man. The tragedy of the crossfire shooting death of 10-year-old Faheem Thomas-Childs and second grader Jarren both encountering violence at the very place we would think them safe—the school yard. The cell phone footage, showing the murder of Chicago honor student Derrion Albert which added to the rising toll of more than 30 students killed in that city last school year. There is a sad and inescapable truth—Black males live at great risk. Thus, their families, their communities, and they themselves must learn empowering strategies to survive. The Symposium offers a forum for practical solutions by providing informative presenters and interactive workshops to assist attendees in developing realistic strategies and concrete methods to put into practice in their respective communities.

The Symposium's five topic pathways include: *Reclaiming the Black Male Image, Educate to Elevate, Family and Relationships, Health, Wellness and Spirituality and Strategies and Techniques in Service Delivery to African American Males* and a Middle School Institute. The 2010 Symposium will offer a **Literary Pavilion** featuring some of today's most promising authors, a **Black Male Film Festival with talk-back sessions**, and a **Health Fair** targeting the needs of African American Men. **The Annual Symposium Reception will be held Friday, May 7, 2010 at the African American Museum in Philadelphia.** Ticket information will be available shortly.

For registration, sponsorship, call for papers, general information, and to receive our e-newsletter, please join us on Facebook and our website at www.blackmaledvelopment.com, or call the symposium hot-line 215-572-8510 or email us at bmds@arcadia.edu.

Thank you for your continued support of the **Black Male Development Symposium** and I hope you will join us **Friday, February 19th, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the Kuch Hospitality Suite at Arcadia University**, for our first Advisory Committee Meeting. Please RSVP to loury@arcadia.edu.

Dr. Doreen E. Loury, Executive Director
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