

Weekly Spotlight

Community Overflowing...The D.O.C.K.

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To Glorify God through providing an outreach program for all children in which they are intellectually, spiritually, and socially nurtured.

The DOCK, a community center in the Booker T. Washington neighborhood in Melbourne, serves children 5-18 after school and summers. Up to 50 a day find a structured, nurturing environment where they get a snack, help with homework, play, learn music, do arts and crafts, and socialize. Positive choices affecting health, behavior, and attitudes are modeled by caring staff and volunteers. It's also a gathering place for the neighborhood, a group of seniors meet twice weekly for bingo, socializing, and a hot lunch. Neighborhood folks use the computer lab.



Trevor Howard serves as the DOCK's Director. Prior to coming to the DOCK in May of 2015, Trevor worked as a teacher at Palm Bay Magnet School. Currently, Trevor's taking an interest in the success of the neighborhood teens as the focus had been on elementary aged children. When Trevor took the Director position there were 9 teens who attended. By May 2016, there were 31! The growth is due to the age-appropriate programming developed for the teens. As a part of "Future Leaders", the teens take trips to colleges and build portfolios that include resumes and college essays. The main attribute he imparts to the kids at the DOCK: be responsible & reach your full potential.



Trevor's been able to retain so many teens in a 3500 square foot space (capacity 60) shared with children as young as five. This is testimony to the impact he's had on this age group. The DOCK has a waiting list for the first time. Recently the land next door to the DOCK was donated to be a teen center.

Please consider volunteering!

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