



# Aim4Peace News

*"Increase the capacity of the community to handle its own disputes nonviolently. Aim4Peace is the movement to stop the shooting and the killing!"*

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## Job, Health and Education Fair Serves Over 750 Community Members

Aim4Peace held a Job, Health and Education Fair at Brush Creek Community Center on Thursday, March 24, 2011 from 10 a.m.—2 p.m. Don Ivans, an event volunteer from Community Mediation Center worked at the sign-in table. He stated, "We collected 746 names of people who attended the event. I know some didn't wait in line to sign up, so I'd say there were close to 800 people here today looking for work."



**Prospective employees fill out job applications as they search for employment opportunities at the Aim4Peace Job Fair.**

The event had more than 20 vendors representing Kansas City area businesses. Some of the vendors presented health material and performed health care screenings while a few promoted literacy and provided educational services, such as GED classes.

Other vendors were local businesses interested in hiring employees. The Job Fair was intended for ex-offenders who

have returned to the Kansas City area and are in need of jobs.

Don Ivans added, "Judging by the number of people and the number of vendors present, the Job Fair was a huge success. The vendors who were hiring today, had plenty of applicants to choose from."

LaTonya Timley, the Activity Events Coordinator, said, "I encourage Kansas City area businesses, especially those who are hiring ex-offenders, to contact Aim4Peace at 816-513-7902 to be involved in our next Job, Health and Education Fair in October."

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- **June 10 Neighborhood Event**, at the corner of 34th & Olive at 7:00 pm. Come out and join us!
- **June 16 Volunteer Training** To enroll in our training, contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 816-513-7902
- **June 25 Neighborhood Cleanup**, at the Seven Oaks Park (39th & Jackson Ave.) Come out and help us beautify the Seven Oaks area of our city!

**AIM4PEACE!**

## DID YOU KNOW???

### Missouri Leads the Nation in Black Homicide Victims

- Missouri's Rate of 39.90 Black Homicide Victims per 100,000 is **8 Times** the national average of 4.93 black victims per 100,000
- 87% of these black victims were killed with guns, most often handguns
- Black victims were murdered by someone they knew 78% of the time
- 81% occurred after arguments between the victim and offender

Source: Violence Policy Center News Release January 26, 2011



**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

Aim4Peace received the NACCHO (National Association of County and City Health Officials) Promising Practice award. The selection states that the program exhibits the potential to become a future Model Practice supported by NACCHO. Aim4Peace will be highlighted in the 2011 NACCHO Model Practice Database. We are very honored to be selected and we appreciate the hard work and dedication of our staff, as well as the Aim4Peace partners. The certificate acknowledges Aim4Peace for its

“outstanding contributions in local public health practice in 2011.”

**FIVE**

**ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS**

of Aim4Peace

**1. OUTREACH**

- 2. Community Mobilization
- 3. Public Education
- 4. Clergy Partnership
- 5. Criminal Justice Collaboration

**Focus on OUTREACH ...**

Aim4Peace provides outreach to young adults who are classified as high risk for committing violent crime in the East Patrol District. Aim4Peace connects these individuals to services, as well as educational & employment opportunities.

**Aim4Peace Receives Donation from NAACP Branch**

Aim4Peace recently received a \$500 donation from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), branch 4009 at the Algoa Correctional Center.

“Aim4Peace is a wonderful group, whose views bring joy, the spirit of togetherness and goodwill to the Kansas City citizens,” said Jermaine Richmond, NAACP branch president. “We respect the fearless actions of your members to simply say ‘No More Violence’ to the gangs. We look forward to supporting you.” Other members of the NAACP board include Charles Evans, V.P.; Jermaine Bohlen, Sec.; Terrance Rodgers, Sgt-of-Arms; and McKinley Robinson, Treas.

The Algoa Correctional Center is a minimum security facility in Jefferson City, MO that houses more than 1,000 male offenders.

“To have the support of Algoa NAACP board and it’s members, is a joy,” said Tracie McClendon-Cole, director of Aim4Peace.

**BE A VOLUNTEER AT AIM4PEACE!**

**Help stop the shootings and the killings in our communities. Enroll in a Volunteer Training session and learn about projects and activities you can do to increase the peace in Kansas City.**

**What can YOU do? Call 816 / 513-7902**

**A New Face Joins Aim4Peace**

**A**im4Peace welcomes Terrance Jackson as the newest member of the Street Intervention Team.

The Aim4Peace Street Intervention Workers mediate conflicts and carry a caseload of 20 participants in high risk environments to help reduce violent crime. Team members offer mentorship, service assistance and case management.

Tracie McClendon-Cole, the Director of Aim4Peace, said “I welcome Terrance Jackson to our staff and look forward to his contribution at Aim4Peace.”



**T**errance Jackson, a Kansas City native, was raised by his Grandmother. She was a disciplinarian, despite her limited means. Terrance defied her understanding and started a life of crime, which subsequently landed him in prison for 22 years. While incarcerated, he decided he wanted to change his way of thinking and began to do positive things. He first heard of Aim4Peace through Kansas City Call. Terrance wants to share his experiences with others and make a change.

**BE PART OF THE MOVEMENT ...**

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**Thank you for your continued support!!!**