



RISE Foundation of Memphis • Spring 2017

RISE Preps For Annual Teen Financial Forum

Memphis Teens on the cusp of adulthood, will have the opportunity to learn how to prepare for their financial futures at RISE Foundation's sixth annual Goal Card Financial Forum. The forum will be held Saturday, April 29th at First Baptist Church- Broad.

Goal Card is RISE's year-round youth program that teaches students in grades 5-12 how to set and achieve academic, financial and life goals. Students enrolled in the program have been shown to academically outperform their peers. During the 2015-2016 school year, graduation rates for students at high schools served by RISE outpaced both



the county and state graduation rates. The county rate was 88.9 percent while

the state's was 78.70. Meanwhile, Melrose High School's graduation rate was 89.40 percent and Booker T. Washington's stood at 89.90 percent.

Lessons teens will learn at the upcoming financial forum will include budgeting, establishing credit, opening savings accounts, and exploring ways to help pay for college. Participation is free and transportation and lunch will be provided.

The forum will be facilitated by adult mentors from academic and business backgrounds, who generously contribute their time and talent to empower the city's next generation of leaders.

RISE Receives Program for Nonprofit Excellence Membership



RISE staff and board chair gathered at Owen Brennan's Restaurant to receive plaques for their organization's participation in the Alliance for Nonprofit Excellence PNE program. PNE (Program for Nonprofit Excellence) is a three-year, intensive consulting and training program to help organizations build capacity and maximize community impact.



Welcome New Board Member Randy Williams!

RISE welcomes our newest board member, Randy Williams, Senior Vice President of Logistics and Operations at Orgill Inc.

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Keeping the Green

Congratulations to our Save Up participants, who will graduate March 16 in a “Keeping the Green” ceremony at the Benjamin Hooks Central Library. Program participants have dedicated every Thursday for the past six weeks to improving their financial status for their own asset



purchase. Sheena Harper, a past graduate and current RISE board member, will give words of encouragement and present certificates to graduates. The event will take place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by First Tennessee Bank and MassMutual – Partners Financial Group.



RISE Joins Global Giving

RISE is now a part of the GlobalGiving community. GlobalGiving is the first and largest global crowdfunding community that connects nonprofits, donors and companies in nearly every country around the world.

This makes it possible for local organizations to access the funding, tools, training and support they need to become more effective and make our world a better place. Visit GlobalGiving.org to learn more.



Grants Awarded to RISE

RISE has received three grants:



The Community Foundation awarded a \$5000.00 matching grant to update our website and other technology. Please visit www.risememphis.org to donate and help us reach our \$5,000 matching goal.



A grant from the Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment



A Walmart grant through the Women’s Foundation for a Greater Memphis



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