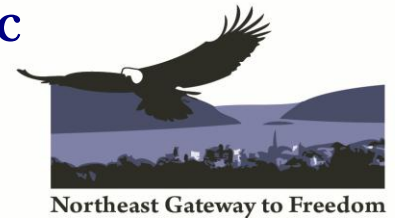




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Program Summary:

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My name is Pastor Rosey. I am the founder and executive director of **Northeast Gateway to Freedom Inc.** Located at 104 Broadway in the City of Newburgh.

Phase I – The City of Newburgh’s desperate need to keep the “Children’s Summer Lunch Program” afloat caused NGTF to step up to meet the challenge the Summer of 2010. One-hundred-thirty-five volunteers from all walks of life (unemployed, seniors, youth groups, business men and women, Pastors, etc.), quickly streamed into our building to offer their help. The collaborative effort of volunteers and contributors was very moving. **With heartfelt care we were able to prepare and deliver up-to 600 lunches each day, totaling up-to 30,000 lunches to our city’s children throughout the entire summer.**

Running this lunch program opened our eyes to the severe struggles our children encounter. We were compelled to find a way to protect them from falling through the cracks and losing their way. These young boys and girls left spending hours on the streets would easily fall prey to crime and illegal Juvenile behavior. This brought us to **Phase II “The KIDZ INITIATIVE.”**

Phase II. An application was hand carried and 103 KIDZ signed up the first day. Thus we began our **“KIDZ INITIATIVE”** after school dinner & Life Center which is in its third year. We continue to take applicants and build a strong infrastructure to endure the challenges our KIDZ face. We are committed for the long haul and have moved forward in increments that are manageable in order to provide a safe and exciting environment for so many kidz left home unaccompanied and prone to illegal juvenile behavior.

Phase III – “SUMMER KIDZ INITIATIVE”- The Summer 2011 approached. We launched a fast paced, active, summer KIDZ Initiative. We interviewed 14-21 year old troubled youth and developed **Phase IV – SUMMER INTERNSHIPS** to help older KIDZ meet their challenges, step up to their potential, encourage younger youth to step up with them and give them a safe place to speak with community leaders that care about their future. We believe that a child that has discovered their purpose and destiny is more likely to make better choices and become an upstanding citizen. We also have discovered that Kidz who are kept active are not as prone to criminal juvenile behavior.

Our present Year-Round outreach, provides an **AFTERSCHOOL INITIATIVE** for KIDZ from 2nd - 12th grade; a fast paced **SUMMER KIDZ INITIATIVE**; an **INTERN TRACK** for youth ages 14-21 years old and **A YEAR-ROUND 19-21 YEAR OLD VOLUNTEERS THAT ARE RECOMMENDED FROM THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM OF OUR CITY.** Currently we provide and serve 7100 full nutritious dinners per year. We did not begin modeling after any current program. We are pioneering a fresh approach, that’s continually evolves to suit the current needs of our city’s street KIDZ. We are bilingual, multi cultured, transgenerational and include the building of strong character and a sense of purpose into our KIDZ. We are open to CHANGE as the needs arise while we move forward. The KIDZ we are serving are bearing good productive fruit. As a result we are expanding our **INTERNSHIP INITIATIVE** to a year-round tract for the 14-21 year-olds instead of just during the summer. We further must accommodate the growing number of KIDZ pressing in that need our serves in the year-round initiative as well as financially challenged adult family members who want a **HELPING HAND UP not a HAND OUT.**

Pastor Rosey

Northeast Regional Director

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