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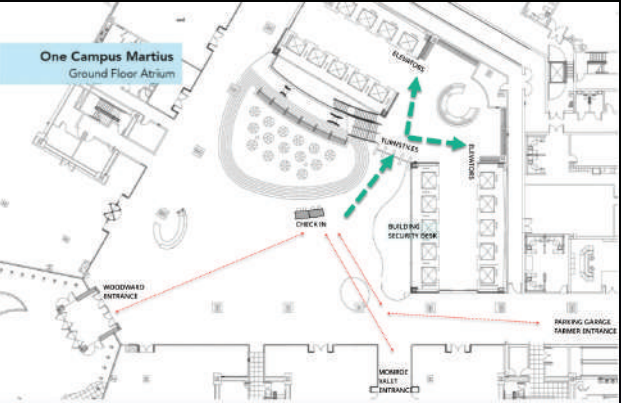
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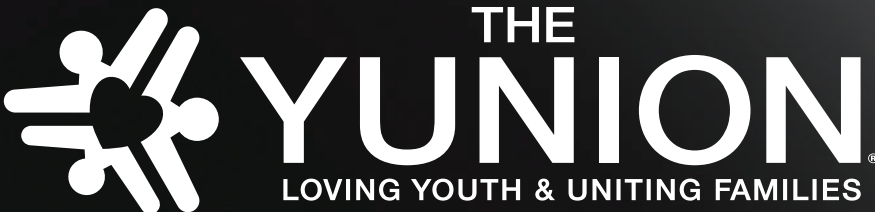
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THE CAVE OF ADULLAM

Letter from Jason

Dear Friends,

When I founded The Yunion in 2003, I couldn't have imagined that it would evolve into what it is today. Our purpose was simple: to serve as a guiding light for those lost in a world filled with darkness. We began as a Christian hip-hop record label, utilizing my background in music to combat the negative cultural influences that imperiled the futures of our youth.

It eventually became evident that when the music stopped, the youth we served still faced profound challenges, including intergenerational trauma, challenging living environments, and inadequate educational systems to name a few. We recognized the need to expand our efforts. Thus, the vision for our nonprofit was born. Now, two decades later, we have impacted the lives of over 17,000 youth and families in Metro Detroit.

I am profoundly humbled by the fact that the Most High chose me to bring His vision to fruition. My heart overflows with appreciation for my wife, Nicole, whose unwavering support and steady leadership as our Executive Director has been the bedrock of our organization. My gratitude extends to our dedicated board of directors, our devoted staff, our generous funders, donors, and most especially, to those who have offered their prayers and encouragement during this arduous journey.

Tonight, as we gather to commemorate The Yunion's 20 years of service, your presence in this room is a powerful testament to the dire importance of our mission. It reaffirms that our work is far from complete. Therefore, I implore you to stand with us, not just tonight but in the days and years ahead. We face the monumental task of meeting the needs of 800 boys eagerly awaiting admission into the Cave of Adullam Transformational Training Academy. With unwavering faith, I believe that each one of us possesses the capacity to be a catalyst for change. Together, we can ensure that these boys grow into comprehensive men of unwavering integrity who will lead within their homes, communities, and the world.

Together, we can illuminate even the darkest corners of our community by letting our lights shine for a brighter future for the youth coming behind us!

Blessings,

JASON WILSON

Founder/CEO, The Yunion

Letter from Nicole

As we gather to commemorate the remarkable journey of The Yunion, celebrating 20 years of unwavering service to our youth and families, I find myself overwhelmed with a profound sense of gratitude. This milestone is not merely a testament to our dedication but a testament to the faithfulness and provision of God that has guided us every step of the way.

I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to my husband, Jason, for his unwavering commitment to his calling. His support has been instrumental in shaping the course of The Yunion's journey, and for that, I am truly grateful.

To all those who have been part of this incredible odyssey, from our dedicated staff to our supportive board members, committed partners, faithful donors, generous funders, as well as those who have encouraged, prayed and served as mentors, I extend my deepest thanks. Your unwavering support has paved the way for The Yunion to touch the lives of over 17,000 youth and families in our community.

As we stand at this juncture, marking two decades of service, we must also look forward with anticipation to what lies ahead for The Yunion. I am thrilled about the path that God is leading us on. Our current mission is to address the pressing need to provide opportunities for nearly 800 young boys on our waiting list for the Cave of Adullam Transformational Training Academy. This is a goal that cannot be underestimated, as the lives of these young men may very well depend on it. Will you stand with us in this vital endeavor, in the fight for our boys, our families, and our community? Together, we can continue to be a force for positive change.

As you read these words, I am filled with a sense of awe and gratitude as I look upon your beautiful faces, knowing that your presence here is a testament to the support and love that surrounds The Yunion. Thank you for being here to celebrate with us and for your unwavering commitment to our cause.

In the next chapter of The Yunion's journey, let us forge ahead together with renewed vigor, bound by a common purpose, and with hearts full of hope. Here's to another 20 years of transforming lives and making a lasting impact on our community.

With heartfelt appreciation,

NICOLE WILSON

Executive Director, The Yunion

Letter from Natalie

It is an absolute honor and privilege to serve as co-chair this year's 20th Anniversary Gala for The Yunion, Inc. I'm grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this organization's outstanding work over the past two decades and for the outpouring of support given towards its vision and mission. The Yunion is dedicated to countering the negative cultural influences that misdirect the lives of youth by strengthening families through innovative prevention programming, education, parental engagement, mentoring, and counseling. This collective effort is shared by each and every supporter and stakeholder of this impactful organization and for this, we are GRATEFUL.

Twenty years ago, The Yunion's founder and CEO, Jason Wilson, had a vision and a belief, and he spoke that belief into reality. His efforts, along with the dedication and leadership of Executive Director, Nicole Wilson and the entire Yunion staff, have empowered and transformed over 15,000 children's lives in Metro Detroit and their families. This is what putting words into action looks like, and this is how living in our power shows up. It's truly a blessing to share with you the incredible life-changing work of The Yunion and The Cave of Adullam Transformational Training Academy (CATA) program. Thank you to all who have prayed for, supported, uplifted, volunteered, and donated to this worthy cause.

NATALIE KING SHUMAKE

Letter from Dennis



Dear Family, Friends & Supporters:

Welcome to the Yunion, the house that Jason and Nicole built. They are its foundation, its heart and soul, and they are a true inspiration. As the 20th anniversary gala co-chair, a proud father of two amazing young men, a Detroit-based businessman and a supporter of The Yunion, I welcome you.

The background of the Yunion is a story in perseverance and dedication to providing a better future for our youth in Detroit. They have reached over 15,000 metro Detroit Youth and collaborated with over 3 dozen schools, community organizations, and churches in empowering Detroit youth and families.

I have known Jason for 35 years. I have watched his personal evolution, how he leveraged adversity to find the motivation and inspiration to create programming rooted in martial arts and evolving boys to men, teaching responsibility, respect, and the value and awards associated with hard work. The young men that participate in this program see a full letter grade improvement in their academic performance, and their citizenship and behavior improves tremendously.

Galileo Galilei said that,

"You cannot teach a man anything. You can only help him discover it within himself".

Many of our young Black men are unfinished diamonds that need to be polished, light bulbs fully charged, needing only to be twisted a few more times to connect to electricity and shine. The Yunion polishes these young gems, connects them to the power so that they shine, so that they reach the potential that lies within them.

Steve Jobs shared that

"My job is not to be easy on people. My job is to take these great people we have and to push them and make them even better."

Your support of the Yunion, provides them with the resources to take these great young men and make them even better. You provide them the means to push. For that, we thank you.

Enjoy the evening.

A stylized, handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to read "D. Archer".

DENNIS W. ARCHER, JR., ESQ.

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WHO WE ARE

The Yunion (pronounced union), is a faith-based federally recognized non-profit organization which has been engaged in comprehensive youth development since 2003.

MISSION

Our mission is to counter negative cultural influences that misdirect the lives of youth by raising awareness and strengthening families through innovative prevention programming, education, parental engagement, mentoring, and counseling.

VISION

Our vision is to see youth thrive in vibrant communities, viable schools, and healthy families.

VALUES

Faith, Love, Hope, Compassion, Integrity, Respect, Service, Family, Accountability, Transparency, Teamwork, and Excellence.





HISTORY

Jason Wilson, founder and CEO of The Yunion, experienced firsthand the negative influence and persuasive power that hip-hop music culture can have on youth, leading him to first create The Yunion record label in 2002 with the goal of producing music that countered the potentially harmful influences of hip-hop culture. Mr. Wilson soon realized, however, that even when the music stopped the negative pressures continued for youth and established The Yunion as a nonprofit in 2005 to expand mentoring services beyond the reach of music.

Today The Yunion has reached over 17,000 youth via innovative prevention programming, engaging workshops, assemblies, and conferences. We have collaborated with over 3-dozen schools, community organizations, and churches in empowering youth and families.

THE CAVE OF ADULLAM TRANSFORMATIONAL TRAINING ACADEMY (CATTa)

The CATTa, an initiative of The Yunion, Inc. It is not a martial arts school but a Transformational Training Academy that provides programs to help young boys thrive.

CATTa's Emotional Stability Training® (EST) exposes the root of unresolved anger, anxieties, and lack of focus while teaching our students how to introspectively confront and conquer their negative thoughts before they become toxic actions.



ANTICIPATED RESULTS

- Improved verbal processing skills
- The ability to identify and release traumatic experiences
- Improved academic performance
- School detentions/suspensions reduced and/or eliminated
- Improved relationship and social/emotional behavior with parents, teachers, and peers
- The ability to respond to and resolve conflict
- The skills to defend themselves and the confidence to walk away from a fight (if possible)
- Greater sense purpose for their lives and community responsibility
- Increased physical fitness and endurance

BOYS WHO COMMIT TO THE CATTAs SYSTEM BENEFIT TREMENDOUSLY,
AND THE OUTCOMES ARE NOTICEABLE AND SUSTAINABLE:

56%

of parents reported decreased school suspensions and increased positive decision-making

78%

of CATTAs students improved their grade point average one letter grade in 16-weeks without tutoring

100%

of CATTAs students who were victims of physical bullying report that they are no longer bullied

98%

of parents reported their sons have developed spiritually and became more emotionally stable

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SOCIAL IMPACT *Awardees*



HEIDI ALCOCK, McGregor Fund

Community Equity and Inclusion Award

Heidi Alcock is the Director of Grant Development & Communications for the McGregor Fund, a private foundation working to alleviate poverty in Detroit and Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties, with a strategic focus on ending homelessness and chronic unemployment in Detroit (learn more at <http://www.mcgregorfund.org>). In her role, Heidi shapes program strategy development and execution, oversees grant portfolio development, and serves as the Fund's communications officer and ambassador. She brings to her position nearly twenty-five years of nonprofit and public sector management experience working with Detroiters focused on community and economic development including as CEO of Michigan Community Resources where she served in a leadership role on the civic engagement team for Detroit Future City planning process, and eventually at the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation as Director of Operations for the Detroit Future City Implementation Office. Heidi also worked as city planner at the City of Detroit City Planning Commission, formerly a staff division of the Detroit City Council. Heidi has a master's degree in public administration with concentrations in public and urban policy from Wayne State University.

TERRY WHITFIELD, The Skillman Foundation

Youth Development Leadership Award

Terry E. Whitfield was born and raised in the city of Detroit to be a Man for Others. As an African American male, he has dedicated the last 15 years of his professional career to improving the outcomes of Detroit youth. He is a servant leader, youth advocate, community organizer, professional development specialist, agent for systems change, realtor, and motivational teacher and speaker. Terry's lifetime dream and goal is for his presence to be a gift to the city he loves (Detroit), spreading positive energy to all he encounters along his life journey.

Terry is happily married to Detroit realtor and HGTV personality, Shea Hicks-Whitfield, star of the Detroit-based hit show, Bargain Block. In his spare time, he's committed to being a lifelong learner, and being better every day through the daily act of doing hard things. He's an avid music lover who appreciates his daily 4:30a wake-up call, and cherishes spending time with his wife, their son, Beau James, and puppy, Sofia Cambeano.





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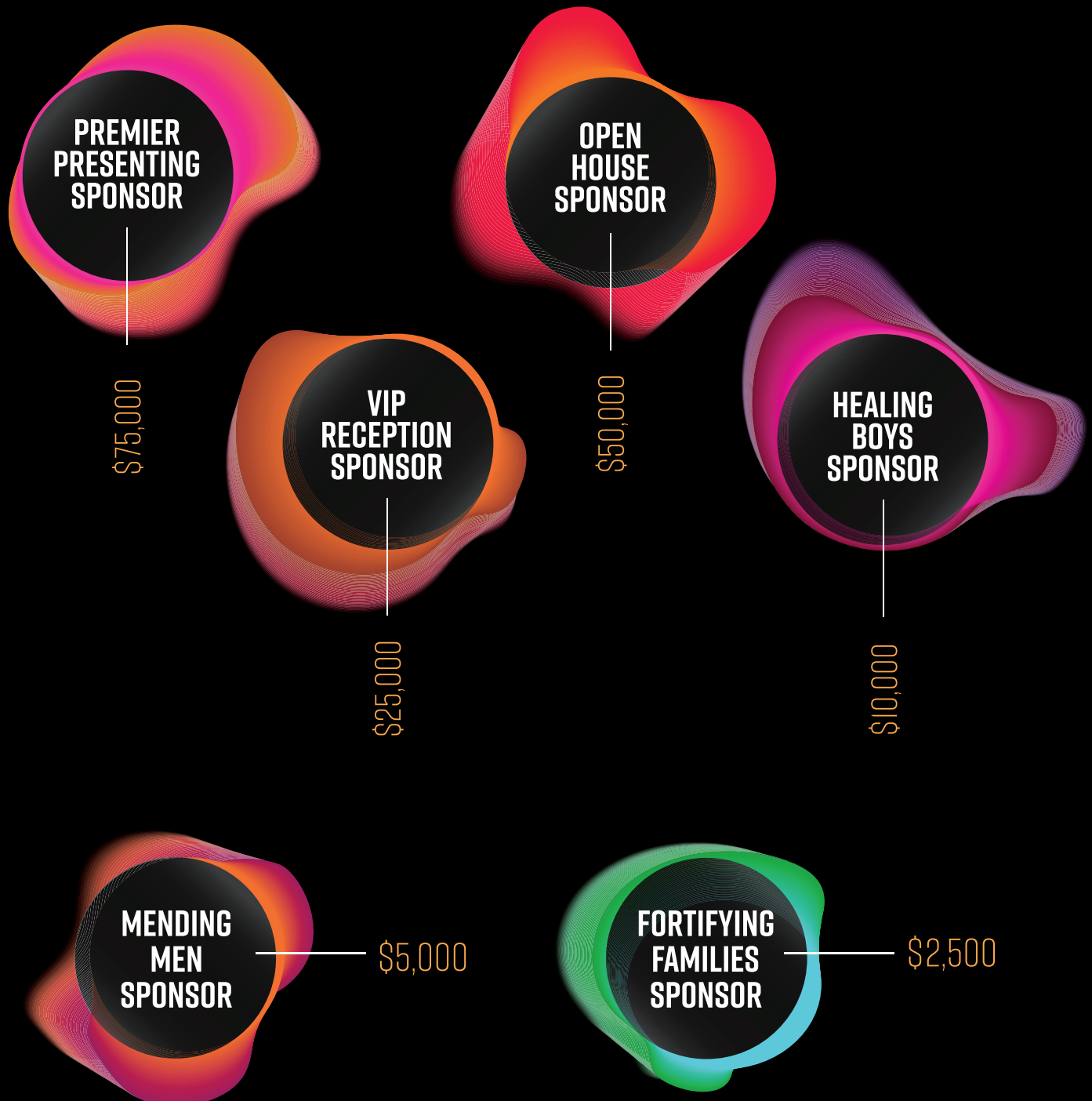
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- Brain Science Methods
- Evidence-Based Procedures for Grief Processing
- Cathartic Processes for Deeper Self Awareness & Understanding
- Body Sensation Awareness
- Emotional Regulation Skills
- Mindfulness Education
- Greater Spiritual Insight, Personal Self-Care
- Support and Guidance to Navigate the Challenges of Grief and Mourning



GRIEF TRAINING



What is grief? Grief is a natural response to loss and trauma. It is a normal healthy emotion, but it can also be incredibly painful and difficult. Everyone experiences grief differently; there is no right or wrong way to grieve. Grief training is a process of working through the pain and emotions associated with loss. It's a way to move forward.

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Are you struggling with a life loss, trauma or the death of a loved one?

Grief can be difficult and overwhelming. Our experiential grief training is here to help you navigate the grieving process in a unique and meaningful way.





Dr. Tim Broe is a Licensed professional Counselor (LPC) with a PhD from The University of Michigan. He has over 35 years of experience helping individuals with life losses, trauma, and grief.



What is experiential grief training?

Our experiential grief training uses hands-on activities and exercises to help individuals work through their grief. This approach recognizes that talking, listening and sharing your story and related emotions are effective ways to process grief. Combining these skills with physical, sensory and spiritual components can greatly facilitate one's healing. Add some brain science and one's spiritual identity and you have a comprehensive training experience that can provide a deeper and more holistic approach to understand and process grief.

Possible Training Outcomes

- Relief from painful feelings like guilt, sadness, anger, remorse, and regret, etc.
- Escape from trap of the grief maze.
- How to handle "Grief Bursts"
- Capacity to learn and be strengthened from experiencing loss
- Begin to chart a new beginning
- Awakening to your true identity

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Are you looking for a new and more comprehensive way to work through your grief? Our experiential grief training three-day program may be right for you. This program combines traditional grieving techniques with experiential activities and life skills to help you understand and express your thoughts, emotions and body sensations in a unique and powerful way.



WHAT TO EXPECT:

This training program with its experienced and supportive team, is designed to meet some of your important individual needs and goals through small and large group activities.

There is a rhythm to the flow of the weekend with a little teaching and modeling, followed by opportunity to engage and practice what is modeled, followed by sharing and resting.

CHRISTIAN-BASED TRAINING PROGRAM:

This is a Christian-based experiential training session, so compassion, love and forgiveness of self and others are encouraged. The training welcomes women and men of all faiths.



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The Crossing has an experienced grief supportive team and offers Christian-based grief training in a three-day program tailored to meet individual needs and goals by offering the following:

- **Individual and Group Healing Dynamics**

- **How to Journey Through Your Grief Utilizing Brain Science**
- **Evidence-Based Procedures to Help You Process Your Grief**
- **Cathartic Processes for Deeper Self-Awareness & Understanding**
- **Body Sensations Awareness Methods**
- **Emotional Regulation Skills**
- **Mindfulness Training for Grieving Stability**
- **Opportunity for Greater Spiritual Insight and Awareness Along With Inner Healing Prayer**
- **Support and Guidance to Navigate the Challenges of Grief and Mourning**



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