



Summary: Palmetto Works Sankofa Freedom School

To: The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina

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Executive Summary

The Palmetto Works Sankofa Freedom School is pleased to submit this report summarizing our recent program and acknowledging the invaluable support received from the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina. Your generous contribution has been instrumental in our mission to provide high-quality literacy and civic engagement programming to youth in our community. We are especially grateful for the **\$10,000 grant** and the additional donations of backpacks and school supplies, which have had a profound and direct impact on the students we serve.

Acknowledgment of Financial Contribution and Program Impact

The **\$10,000 grant** from the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of SC provided essential funding that enabled us to expand our curriculum, secure vital educational materials, and support our Servant Leader Interns (SLIs). Your financial support directly contributed to the success of our summer program, which fostered a love of reading and civic responsibility in dozens of young students. The grant helped us create an enriching and engaging environment where youth were empowered to explore their voices and develop critical thinking skills.

Programmatic Highlight: Vacation Bible School

A key component of our program this year was a special Vacation Bible School (VBS) for our students. The VBS was centered on the theme of the **“fruit of the spirit,”** drawing inspiration from **Galatians 5:22-23**. This theme was integrated through storytelling, interactive activities, and creative arts, providing a unique space for students to learn about character development and community values in a fun and engaging way. This VBS component was a powerful demonstration of our holistic approach to youth development, fostering not just academic skills but also spiritual and ethical growth.

Donations for Youth in Foster Care and Group Homes

In addition to your generous grant, we wish to express our heartfelt thanks for the donation of backpacks and school supplies. This allowed us to put the teachings of the summer into action for our scholars. Acts 20:35 directs us to remember the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is

more blessed to give than to receive.' These materials were specifically designated for and distributed to youth in foster care and local group homes. This thoughtful contribution has equipped these young people with the necessary tools to begin their school year with confidence and a sense of readiness, reinforcing our belief that every child deserves a strong start. In the words of our young scholars, as they showcased their voices and sense of community at our National Day of Social Action, THEY ARE THE FUTURE! We are thankful for your partnership and support in ensuring their futures are bright.

Conclusion and Future Outlook

The partnership between the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of SC and the Palmetto Works Freedom School has been a powerful example of how collaboration can uplift and empower our community's most vulnerable youth. Your investment in our program has created a ripple effect of positive change, from the educational growth of our students to the practical support provided to youth in foster care. We are deeply grateful for your commitment to our work and look forward to the possibility of future collaborations that continue to build a stronger, more equitable community for all.