

GROWING MINDZ Report



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Summary



“With our hands as our most valuable tool combined with hard work and dedication we’re on the right path to success!” -SeKoria F.-

My entire program is focused on giving children a more hands on approach to life. Using everyday tools and techniques to better themselves now and in the future.

1. Introductions

1.1. A Necessity of Report

To show progress over the year term of the program and how it has impacted the community.

1.2. An Overview of Report

Growing Mindz over the past couple months have shown kids in the Summit Lake and Park East Community how to create a fun and enjoyable space with the little things in life. We took everyday items such as paper and drew pictures on them to play matching games, took trips to the Akron Zoo, Akron Art Museum, Civic Theatre, helped paint Park East, learned to make healthy wraps at the Front Porch, fished and enjoyed music at the Summit Lake Community Center; all just to name a few.

Many of the students have never been outside of the neighborhood to see the places that we were fortunate to explore in the past couple of months.

We used beads to create necklaces, bracelets, lanyards, which showed originality and differences in each of the students. Open M community center donated wooden blocks that they said we could create cars with them. Well they never said that inside the box was only a block and this is where we came together as a group and designed our own cars with simply our imagination.

We had a class where I gave the students LEGO's and to some people you'd think they are too old to play with LEGO's. But in actuality the mind is never too old to explore possibilities. On this day we became architects. The question was "If you could redesign downtown Akron what would its buildings look like?"



On a visit to the Civic Theatre we stood on the big stage and looked out at the audience. The staff at the Civic made sure that the students received a tour they would never forget. In fact the students were offered the opportunity to showcase their art and talents at the Civic Theatre on their stage. Which leads into the next part of the journey of Growing Mindz.



Field Trip to the Akron Zoo

1.2.1. Whats Next?

For my community event I will be holding an Art and Talent Showcase at the Civic Theatre on Sunday January 13, 2019 from 2:30pm until 3:45pm. In the lobby the work that we have created will be hung and showcase for people to enjoy before the show actually begins. On stage we will showcase the talents of our summit lake and Park East youth.

As a participant in the show they have the opportunity to win Grand Prize of \$100, 2nd Place \$75, 3rd Place \$50, and honorable mention \$25. All of the participants will receive a gift and certificate. This not only gives the students the opportunity to be on the BIG stage but they get to show there art and talent in front of many people.

“ All our children want is for someone to believe in them, to give them opportunities that we might not of had growing up. Each one Teach one and together we will continue to be GREAT!”

A project that we thought to be cool was to have a memorial garden in our community. So many people old and young have passed away in our community and we thought it would be nice to show the families and friends that they are not forgotten. This shows community building, the youth caring, while using our hands and Mindz to carry on our pass into the future.

So at the bottom of Princeton St. and Kenyon St. there is an empty lot where the memorial garden will be located thanks to the Partnership with Dan Rice and the Ohio Erie Canal. The garden will be maintained by the Growing Mindz staff, students, volunteers, and community as a whole. The land has already been cleared and pictures of the progress will soon follow.



2. Program Dayz



2.1. My Community

The support of the community on this project has been amazing. They are always willing to help when needed and the community centers doors are always open to my ideas and suggestions.

2.2. Akron Arts In Action

There was an event held where GROWING Mindz participated with more students and we did a class on making pumpkin slime with glue, orange paint, magic glue (activator), eye balls and black fuzzies (Pumpkin Seeds). I had students from 5 years old to 8th graders in my class. During this class I allowed Sa'Viona to lead the class and I was the helper for the day. Peers seem to respect each other and this gives the students the chance to work as a group on their own levels.



Example of the Growing Mindz Name Tag

Thanks To All The Partners Thus Far!

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Kyle Kutuchief
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The Front Porch
Summit Lake Community Center
Open M
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The Civic Theatre
Akron Art Space
Akron Art Museum
Arts Now
Veronica Sims
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And many many more.....