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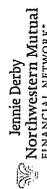
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**CHILDREN**

**1,200**

**SERVED**

**SITE**

**19**

**LOCATIONS**

**PROGRAM**

June 24  
through  
August 2

**DATES**

Charlotte, NC  
**2013 Freedom School Partners**



**FREE LITERACY PROGRAM**

**JULY 12, 2013 • NOON TO 1:30PM**

**NASCAR HALL OF FAME, CROWN BALLROOM**

**Together, We Are Freedom School.**

Freedom School Partners gives children three fundamental resources needed to develop their potential: 1. Literacy skills 2. Character strengths needed to make good decisions and 3. A community that believes in them. Freedom Schools Partners' impact extends to transform college student interns into advocates for children and inspire them to be future leaders, and to deepen the community's investment in children. Children's Defense Fund Freedom Schools® programs are six-week summer literacy programs led by trained college student interns.

**We believe in children, so children will believe in themselves.**

## SITE PARTNERSHIPS

- Alexander Graham Middle in partnership with Crossroads Corporation and Myers Park Presbyterian
- Christ Lutheran serving McClintock Middle and Rama Road Elementary in partnership with Christ Episcopal and McPIE
- C. N. Jenkins Memorial Presbyterian serving Shamrock Gardens Elementary
- Eastover Elementary in partnership with the Eastover Community
- Friendship Missionary Baptist serving Hornets Nest Elementary and Ranson Middle
- Highland Renaissance Academy in partnership with Covenant Presbyterian
- Hyaets serving the Hyaets Community, Enderly Park Community, Ashley Park and Southpark Christian
- Montclair Elementary in partnership with Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian and St. Andrews United Methodist
- Mt. Carmel Baptist serving Tuckasegee Elementary
- Providence Day School serving Rama Road Elementary
- Quail Hollow Middle School in partnership with Fifth Third Bank
- Reid Park Academy in partnership with Wells Fargo
- Sedgefield Elementary in partnership with Myers Park United Methodist
- Seigle Point
- Shalom Park serving Huntingtowne Farms and Sterling Elementary
- St. John's United Methodist serving St. John's immigrant community and Hampton Creste community in partnership with Providence United Methodist, St. Matthew Catholic and St. Gabriel Catholic
- The Grove serving JW Grier Academy
- Trinity Presbyterian serving Sharon Elementary and the Gladedale Community in partnership with Church at Charlotte
- UNC Charlotte serving Nathaniel Alexander Elementary

## PROGRAM

### Welcome!

Cheryl Tucker and Mike McNeill, Regional Site Coordinators

## The Power of Charlotte's Communities

Dr. Heath Morrison, Superintendent of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

### Invocation

Rabbi Judith Schindler, Temple Beth El

## Together, We Are Freedom School

Mary Nell McPherson, Executive Director

## Reflections from Mount Carmel

Dr. Casey Kimbrough, Pastor, Mount Carmel Baptist Church

## What's Inside Matters Most

Bonnie St. John

## The Impact of Freedom School

Servant Leader Intern and Burch Mixon, Board of Directors

## Something Inside So Strong

2013 Freedom School Scholars

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## KEY NOTE SPEAKER



## Bonnie St. John

For over twenty years, Bonnie St. John has circled the globe as a keynote speaker and leadership consultant for over five hundred different companies, non-profits and associations. Despite having her right leg amputated at age five, she became the first African-American ever to win Olympic or Paralympic medals in ski racing, taking home silver and two bronze medals in downhill events at the 1984 Paralympics in Innsbruck, Austria. Bonnie was appointed by President Bill Clinton as a Director of Human Capital Policy on the White House Nations