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## You are invited to attend the Second Annual Leadership Conference for Black Males & Educators

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Greetings.....

We invite you to attend our Second Annual Leadership Conference for Black Males & Educators which is a follow-up to our "My Brother's Keeper Charlotte" Community Forum held on August 1, 2015. Our 2016 conference will be held on Thursday and Friday, February 11-12, 2016 at The Park Expo Convention Center with the Community Town Hall Meeting on Thursday evening, February 11 from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. at UNC Charlotte Center City Campus with a surprise guest. **See attached flier for registering for the conference. We ask that you read and forward this email to your colleagues and other network of contacts.** The event was very successful last year with over 450 students and educators in attendance.

The MBK initiative and mission is to expand opportunities and improve life outcomes not only for Black males but also for young men and boys of color. We are hosting this event in partnership with the City of Charlotte, Board of County Commissioners, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, Friendship Social Justice Ministry & Women's Perspective Ministry, Johnson C. Smith University, The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, The Urban Education Collaborative, Africana Studies Department, The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee, Charlotte Mecklenburg Association of Educators and Visions, Inc.

Our school leaders, educators, city government and community leaders have the power to put hope back into the learning lives of children. Everyone can play a role in building a brighter future for all children, and especially children of color. You don't want to miss this Leadership Conference for Black males and educators. We want to expand opportunities to break down barrier so our youth can experience greater success. We must ensure that all students enter school ready to learn, reading at grade level, graduating from high school ready for college/career. We must also reduce the suspension rate, drop out rate and lower unemployment and crime. **We need your help in marketing this event!** Please forward and encourage students, school leaders, city/county government leaders, legislators, organizations, parents, faith based and community leaders to register and attend. **See attached flier for additional information regarding the conference.**

Our conferences, summits, forums and programs will strengthen parent and school partnerships and build additional bridges where needed as we seek ways to better reach and teach our youth. There is no better mission than to prepare our young people to be successful in the 21st Century.

Wishing you Joy this Festive Season! On of the real joys of the Holiday Season is the opportunity to say Thank You and to wish you the very best for the New Year!

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