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H.O.P.E.'s Mission

The "H.O.P.E." Collaborative is a network of community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, service agencies, and community members dedicated to building and sustaining safe, productive and peaceful communities. The H.O.P.E. Collaborative intends to develop and implement strategies, programs and public policies that will address the root causes of violence in our communities and promote peace, social justice and equity. Using a comprehensive systems approach to change, the collaborative will work with the stakeholders at all levels of city and community life.

I am one face of Hope! We are creating action: Positive action that will change attitudes and perceptions. We are setting the stage for a year of new beginnings, new adventures, and new visions. It has been and will continue to be a journey to success. We are looking for and expecting great things. It will take the commitment and passion from everyone to make a difference. Let's keep this momentum of positive change going. This will be a year unlike no other year. ...Deirdre Lopes

" Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced."

– James Baldwin

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HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES Film Maker Presents to Collaborative



Jim Mc Sherry is an entrepreneur, inventor and founder of two successful national companies and a world traveler. He currently resides in Boston, MA and considers himself an amateur filmmaker. The idea for this film came from a USA Today article in the summer of 2005, which described Homeboy Industries, and it's unique entrepreneurial approach providing social services to a dangerous and volatile population. There, the idea sprang up; capturing this on film intrigued him. His sole purpose was to provide the viewer with a unique "moment in time". Through music, visuals and dialogue, this film not only provides insight into a growing problem across the US but also gives the opportunity to understand. He has a MBA from Suffolk University in Boston and studied business at IESE in Barcelona. His BS in Science in Architectural Studies is from Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His film education consists of several workshops and will continue.

Neighborhoods and Outreach Collaborating for Success



A team of 10 outreach workers are working to reach young people throughout the City. The YMCA/TOD meets youth where they are; in the streets, in schools or where they congregate and socialize. YMCA/TOD engages youth with the intention of building trust that will lead to an enduring relationship. Seen above is Levar Britto of the Outreach team presenting to the Cove Street Neighborhood Association at their monthly December meeting. "Communication is key, Neighborhood Associations need to know who we are and we need to know them," Levar Brito said.

Neighborhood Groups Spreading Cheer



The Holidays were certainly busy for groups throughout the City of New Bedford. Hundreds of children were provided special treats from Santa and the generosity of many residents.

SUBCOMMITTEES NEED YOU!



There are 5 sub-committees doing a variety of different things. Committee meetings are held from 9am-10am on the Collaborative meeting days (2nd Thursday of each month). The committees are Prevention, Intervention, Suppression, Re-Entry, and Youth. Each committee is working on identifying one or two objectives for the year.

UPCOMING Speakers for the Monthly Collaborative Meetings

February: Brenda Francis and Ken Scarborough of the Career Center "Job Search and the Process"; CORI Information

March: Teny O. Gross "Out Reach and Street Violence"

April: Our youth, their concerns, issues and evaluation of the H.O.P.E. Collaborative from their perspective "Youth Forum Round Table"