

DREAAM

Summer Newsletter



Building Hope for the Future

DREAAM has hit the ground running with our new initiative, Hope for the Future (H4F). H4F is an immense community effort to increase proactive violence prevention and provide trauma healing solutions to more than 1,000 children and parents. It is bringing our community together to address inequities in the academic, physical, mental, and social health of kids who might be derailed by gang activity or other forms of violence and trauma, as well as their families.

The past few months have seen growth in our current programming and the creation of new programs, including the DREAAM Beginners Pre-school Program and sports camps.

The DREAAM Beginners Preschool Program runs in 6-week sessions. Each session supports 20 African American children, ages 4 to 5 and their caregivers, by increasing children's Kindergarten readiness in math and literacy, encouraging positive African American identity, equipping family members with tools to empower their child's academic success, and providing lessons on social and emotional skills that support positive behaviors.

DREAAM's first sports camp was our Indoor Soccer Camp for boys & girls,



Our DREAAMers LOVED helping out at the Kappa Kappa Gamma Flower Sale on May 13th and 14th! Thank you to the Champaign-Urbana KKG Alumnae Association for choosing DREAAM as the recipient of the Flower Sale proceeds once again this year! And thank you to all who came out and supported!

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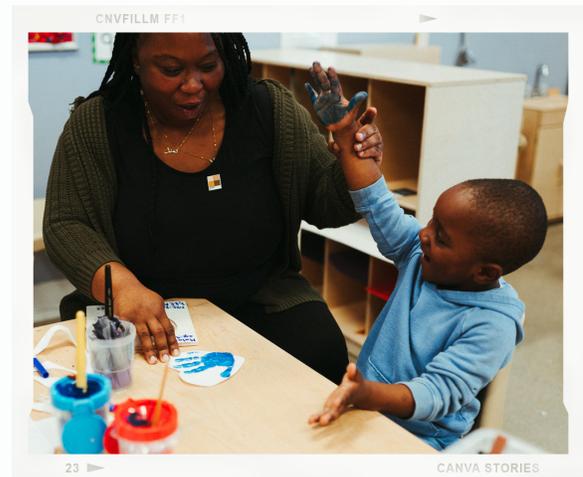
Kindergarten through 5th grade. Soccer games, skills and drills, and fun activities were provided free of cost and caregivers were encouraged to join the fun. Each week, a different fruit of the week was given out to each family. The goal is to partner with families to be healthier in mind, body, and spirit. This is preventative work at the core!

This summer, we're excited to continue this important work. It's going to be monumental! DREAAM is pouring into 500 lives this summer in Champaign and Rantoul!

DREAAM 500: Summer of Hope in Action

The 2021-2022 school year at DREAAM:

- 293 DREAMers (across 4 sites)
- 229 Hours of homework help/
tutoring offered
- 72 Volunteers (across 4 sites)
- 95 Community service hours by
32 DREAMers





DREAAM Partners with Luyando Boxing & CU Church

With the help of these amazing partners, DREAAM is building hope for the future and supporting golden gloves in the making!

Our DREAAMers have thoroughly enjoyed learning the basics of boxing, while practicing alongside some of Champaign's finest! In total, seven DREAAMers and three different staff members had a chance to participate in classes twice a week.

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DREAAM Team Runners Rock the Illinois Race Weekend

On April 29th & 30th, DREAAM fundRACERS took part in the Illinois Race Weekend, which included the Green Street Mile, a 5K (3.1 miles), 10K (6.2 miles), Half Marathon (13.1 miles), and a Youth Run. Our amazing fundRACERS raised money for DREAAM while they trained for and ran their race(s), and altogether raised more than \$3,500!! Many thanks to our fundRACERS Jake Watts, Judi Geistlinger, Lina Mongwa, Jacqueline Jasek, Caitlin Drake, and Caitlin's daughter, Mia Drake! And thank you to all who supported DREAAM through the Illinois Race Weekend platform!



YOU'RE INVITED!

DREAAM will be celebrating 7 years in July! What better way to celebrate than with a celebration dinner at Hamilton Walker's on July 12th!

See the included flyer.

DREAAM 500: Summer of Hope in Action

The summer is here and DREAAM's summer programming is underway! Throughout these next few months, we will be serving 500 kids through 11 different programs!

We are always looking for volunteers! Would you like to help? If you would like to volunteer for any of these programs, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Sam Horsch at samhorsch@drearam.org.

Keep an eye on our Facebook & Instagram for more fun photos all year!

DREAAM Partners with Luyando Boxing & CU Church (continued from page 3)

Adarius Blalock, a rising 8th grader exclaims, "I love boxing! It's such a good workout!"

We are incredibly grateful to Luyando Boxing & Fitness and CU Church for pouring into this transformative experience and partnership, and we look forward to seeing how far our DREAMers will go!

