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SHELBY COUNTY GOVERNMENT TO AWARD MORE THAN \$130,000 TO LOCAL YOUTH CAMP PROGRAMS AHEAD OF THE START OF SUMMER BREAK

The Shelby County Office of Education and Youth Services selected 11 summer camps as partners in this year's Shelby County Youth Summer Camp Scholarship Program.

- WHO:** Shelby County Chief Administrative Officer Harold Collins, Shelby County Office of Education and Youth Services Deputy Administrator Reginald Milton, Shelby County Office of Education and Youth Services Coordinator Dr. Bernard Williams, Carpenter Art Garden Executive Director Jazmin Miller, and youth summer camp partners
- WHAT:** An investment in summer youth activities
- WHEN:** FRIDAY, May 26, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.
- WHERE:** Carpenter Art Garden, 295 Carpenter St., Memphis, TN 38112

Shelby County, TN – On Friday, May 26, 2023, the Shelby County Office of Education and Youth Services will celebrate the investment in 11 local summer camp programs for the Shelby County Youth Summer Camp Scholarship Program. This is the second year for the scholarships, which are made possible through the Shelby County Summer Camp Grants Program.

The 11 summer camp programs were awarded \$12,000 each to provide free or low-cost attendance to Shelby County children. The grants will allow for more than 600 Shelby County children to attend summer camps and tear down any financial burdens put on their families. The Shelby County Youth Summer Camp Scholarship Program aims to provide safe, positive, and educational spaces for children while they are out of school on summer break.

Representatives from all 11 youth summer camp partners will be in attendance during Friday's investment celebration.

The programs selected for the 2023 Shelby County Summer Camp Grants are:

Boys and Girls Club of Greater Memphis
Carpenter Art Garden
For the Kingdom
Heal the Hood
Kingdom Hearts Enrichment Center
Learning Journey Academy

LilyRoze Studios
Memphis Dream Center
PURE Youth Athletics Alliance
Rusty Autohouse
Willing Souls Church

Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris: “For many, summer camps are fun, enriching, and educational experiences that create memories campers carry with them throughout their lives. It’s important that as many Shelby County youth get these opportunities as possible. Through the Shelby County Youth Summer Camp Scholarship Program, participating camps can provide youth in Shelby County with a positive summer camp experience at no cost to their families. It is my hope that we all continue to identify strategies to support the youngest members of our community, provide free or low-cost resources to families, and invest in our young people’s future.”

Reginald Milton, Deputy Administrator of the Shelby County Office of Education and Youth Services: “Families should have fun and educational alternatives for their children when school is out during summer and cost should not be the issue keeping some youth from these experiences. The Shelby County Youth Summer Camp Scholarship Program will give hundreds of children the opportunity to bond with their peers, learn new skills, and be in a safe environment during summertime. I’m excited to celebrate all our partners.”

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