

The Stairstep Foundation

The Stairstep Foundation was formed in 1992 as a God-inspired response to a set of awesome challenges that confronted society at large, and African Americans in particular. Our thinking was that the pain indicators leading to societal distress, (teen pregnancy, youth crime, drug abuse, etc.) were not new, but had become more intense and widespread than other historical time periods because the critical connections of people one to another were replaced by isolation and alienation. Community had broken down.

We concluded that restoration of a spirit of community requires intentional approaches to encourage people to act as if they believe they belong together. Therefore, Stairstep has pressed forward to:

- Understand the components, processes, and dynamics required to revive a spirit of community
- Provoke discussion and encourage others to embrace community building as a priority agenda item
- Create and document replicable models and strategies that build community.

Programs of the Stairstep Foundation have occurred in a wide range, from journeys to Africa in which a cross section of community youth visit their heritage while building relations with distinguished elders, to \$2,000 encouragement grants to individuals that bring forward strong ideas for community progress.

Celebrating God's Blessings

We are grateful to God and to our many corporate supporters to be able to celebrate the 15th Annual Stairstep Foundation/His Works United (HWU) Church Olympics. The Church Olympics is an important aspect of the Stairstep Initiative to both build a vibrant African American Church Network (HWU) and to begin to eliminate the disparate health outcomes experienced by African Americans. Over the last decade the Church Olympics has allowed

us to view both increased physical activity amongst African Americans and a wonderful collaboration and interaction of African American churches.

Diabetes, heart disease, obesity, high blood pressure, and other health scoundrels need to take off running because as a partnership of congregations we are "Moving By Faith" and climbing the mountain together to better health outcomes for our people.

Church Olympics Champions

2004 - Wayman AME
2005 - Wayman AME 2006 - Wayman AME
2007 - Wayman AME/Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church (tied for first place)
2008 - Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
2009 - Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
2010 - Living Word
2011 - Progressive Missionary Baptist Church
2012 - Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
2013 - Living Word
2014 - Living Word 2015 - Living Word
2016 - Incomplete/Rain out
2017-

For additional information and/or registration forms please visit:
www.stairstep.org or
call 612-521-3110.

15th Annual



Church Olympics

& Family Fest

July 23-28, 2018

Stairstep Foundation
CHURCH OLYMPICS XV

Roller Skating
Monday, July 23rd, 2018

Admission \$8

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Roller Garden
5622 West Lake Street
St. Louis Park, MN 55416

Get Active!
Get a Ticket!



See your church Health Coordinator
for free eligibility.



**UNITY OPPORTUNITY
COLLABORATIVE**

Partnering to provide education and workforce development.

The Unity Opportunity Collaborative - partnering to provide assistance to attaining a GED and workforce development services - will host a Job Fair from 11 am - 4 pm, Saturday, July 22 during the Church Olympics field activities and health fair.

- Meet face to face with various employers
- Bring copies of your resume and 2 forms of ID
- GED Mentors and Employment Counselors onsite
- Learn how you can receive FREE services

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3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

Wednesday, July 25th - Friday, July 27th
Team Check-in: 5:15 pm - 5:59 pm
Game Start: 6:05 pm - 9:00 pm

Thursday, July 26th - 6:05 pm - 9:00 pm

Championship Games

Friday, July 27st - 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Oxford Community Center
(The Jimmy Lee Center)
270 N. Lexington Parkway
St. Paul, MN 55104

Family Festival
Health & Community Partner Fair
Saturday, July 28, 2018
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Patrick Henry High School
"Don Swanson Field"
43rd & Logan/Parking Lot

Track & Field, Hula Hoop, Double Dutch, & Activities



