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### **New Beginnings with Missy Hendon Deters!**



#### **Leadership Thoughts**

It is an honor to join Boys Hope Girls Hope Cincinnati as Executive Director and work with our talented, dedicated team to make our organization stronger than ever. A new year offers the opportunity to renew energy, excitement and optimism for the success of Boys Hope Girls Hope. The positive progress our scholars have achieved has made their future brighter and those that love and support them very proud.

With your help, we have impacted the lives of over 400 academically gifted young men and women, helping to break the generational cycle of poverty and providing hope. I appreciate your past support and hope you will continue to share your time, talent and treasure. Please mark your calendars to celebrate our Hearts for Hope Gala on May 18th at The Summit Hotel. I look forward to seeing you there!



#### Save the Date: 2019 Hearts for Hope Gala

The Hearts for Hope Gala is our biggest fundraiser of the year, providing our organization with access to more resources in the effort to serve more academically inclined youth in Greater Cincinnati. With the help of generous donors and sponsors, we raised over \$200,000 at the 2018 Gala, allowing us to meet the day-to-day needs of scholars by providing healthy meals, warm homes and school transportation.

We invite you to attend this year's Gala on May 18th at the beautiful Summit Hotel. With a new date and venue, we have planned an event that you do not want to miss! We are excited to honor Western & Southern for their continued support of Boys Hope Girls Hope. Our Gala will celebrate the accomplishments of our scholars and entertainment will be provided by Soul Pocket. Stay tuned for more details!

We would not be able to create such a remarkable night without the help of our staff and volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering at the Hearts for Hope Gala, contact us at bhghcincinnati@bhgh.org!

### **Scholar Spotlight**



"Stellar Scholar" Mekhi, joined Boys Hope Girls Hope in Fall 2018 and has been dedicated to excelling in his academics. Obtaining over a 4.0 GPA, Mekhi made First Honors at St. Xavier High School this past semester and continues to work hard in achieving top grades in his classes. His ambitious character and commitment to academic excellence embodies the true nature of a BHGH scholar.

Mekhi hopes to one day become an aerospace

engineer and in his free time enjoys training for a mini-triathlon that he will participate in with St. X peers!



Ruva is one of our collegians who has given back to Boys Hope Girls Hope in a major way!

Last year, she joined our staff as a residential educator for the girls' campus and is currently attending the University of Cincinnati. In addition to her heavy workload, she helps prepare meals for the scholars, transport them to school and assist with academic schoolwork.

Recently, Ruva was accepted into a Spring 2019 service program that will enable her to travel to

South Africa to provide humanitarian support to natives.

"I believe that education is the key to alleviating poverty as well as gender inequalities. By affording everyone a quality education and resources, the world can rid itself of hunger, poverty in communities and discover cures to diseases everywhere. I am honored to give back and provide resources to a community similar to my own upbringing in Zimbabwe in order to holistically improve their standard of living," said Ruva.

#### 2018 Hearts for Hope Gala



**BHGH Stage** 



2018 BHGH High School Seniors with Garrett Lee



Burke & Schindler Table



BHGH Alumnus, Jamal, singing with scholars

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## **BHGH Holidays**



#### **Scholar Service Projects**



Boys Hope Girls Hope strongly believes in the importance of giving back and serving the community and its members. Our young people participate in monthly service projects to develop their characters and focus on civic duties.

Over the holidays, BHGH scholars had the opportunity to volunteer at

three organizations that help people-in-need. At the Green Township Library, scholars worked together to make special pins for U.S. Veterans who have bravely fought for our nation's freedom. At Matthew 25 Ministries, they assisted in emptying leftover goody bags from the Hunger 5K, which raises money to benefit those living in poverty. At the EPIC House, our youth brought holiday cheer to residents by distributing homemade cookies and Christmas cards along with singing popular Christmas carols!

We are very proud of the work our scholars do and their commitment to becoming "people for others!"

#### **UPCOMING EVENT**







BHGH scholar making pins for U.S. Veterans



Pins created by scholars for Veterans

Boys Hope Girls Hope
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educational opportunities
and stability to motivated,
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through residential and
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