

WWMD MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Providing hope and resources to our community with a smile.



Encouraged to Keep Fighting

***IF YOU CAN'T FLY THEN RUN, IF YOU CAN'T RUN WALK, IF YOU CAN'T WALK CRAWL, BUT BY ALL MEANS KEEP MOVING.* –DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. inspires us to keep moving. We all have experienced the joys and pains of life. While we will never be fully prepared for everything it brings our way, we are empowered with the choice to keep moving.

Even before the robbery and shooting, Marcus was focused and determined for success no matter what obstacles he faced. While pushing himself to keep moving forward, he would often share various goals and avenues to help others. As he laid for 13 days fighting for his life, He brought a deeper meaning to the the action of fighting until the very end. Witnessing this, we are encouraged to know that we too can stay driven and determined. We miss him, we don't understand, nor do we have any manifestation of justice to date. Despite all of this, we use his completed life as motivation to keep moving forward no matter what.

As an organization, our fight is built on bringing hope, support, and resources to those in need. Just when you feel you want to give up, when it seems all hope is lost, when you have no one to turn to and/or need direction, we are here with a smile. We carry the torch of Marcus' million dollar smile, and like him we extend our hand to render support.

Whatever you maybe faced with, we encourage you to keep fighting.

Devyn A. Coleman Sr.
Chief Operating Officer



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Remembering MARCUS



MARCUS MARQUIS PAYNE was born in Columbus, Ohio, on Wednesday, May 25, 1994. He was the son of Victoria Landrum and Mark Payne, Sr. Marcus was a well-loved young man. He was a proud graduate of West High School, Class of 2012. He studied Business Management at The Ohio State University and furthered his education at Columbus State Community College and the Trio Upward Bound Summer Enrichment Program. September 2009.

Marcus was baptized at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. Marcus enjoyed sports and staying active. He played baseball for Georgian Heights, football for Westside Dolphins, ran track and played basketball for West High School. Marcus was in the Boy Scouts Webelos. He enjoyed exercising, playing basketball, and playing Xbox video games. He especially loved watching animated shows, like Naruto, with his nephew, Mark III. Marcus loved his community and family.

Marcus was a hard worker. His employment journey includes working in the sales department at Georgesville Nissan, HKT Teleservices as an advocate, and was employed three and a half years for Scarlet Management Group, where he advanced and had a team of fourteen reps. Moreover, Marcus was selected to speak at a business conference for being among the top employees, resulting with a couple of paid conferences to Mexico as a reward. In addition, Marcus worked two years at The Columbus Dispatch Warehouse as a hopper feeder, a year at Westland Area Library as a shelfer, and a season for the Columbus State Community College Athletic Department as a summer assistant.

Marcus had an entrepreneurial spirit and aspired to be in business with his brother and uncle. He wanted to also give back to the Westside/Hilltop community by providing food or other items of need. When asked how he was doing, Marcus would reply either, "Cool as ice water," "Work hard to make money," "Stay Sucker Free," or "It ain't that serious."

He was always polite and respectful. Marcus' philosophy was if something needed to be done . . . to just do it. Marcus was always figuring things out for himself, before asking for help. He would say . . . "I'M A MAN NOW; I GOT THIS!"

Marcus was a person who enjoyed life and saw the light in every situation. Marcus showed respect to his elders and love to the innocence of children. He didn't mummer when he had an objective to complete and could lighten a dampened mood. Marcus liked thinking outside the box to solve problems. For example, he researched buying and watering his two Venus flytrap plants for the house which are still living.



May 25, 1994 - September 11, 2021



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We still are seeking any information regarding the shooting of Marcus Payne on August 30, 2021 between the hours of 1:00am-3:00am near Neil Ave. and Buttles Ave.

If you saw, heard, have video, pictures of individuals, vehicles in the are during this time would you PLEASE forward the information to Detective Egelhoff at 614-645-4730, Who is trying to solve the murder of our 27-year-old Marcus M. Payne.

Crime Stoppers are offering a reward for any information leading to an Arrest. They can be reached at 614-461-8477 you also have the option to report any information anonymously. Any information is greatly appreciated from Family and Friends who love my son.

Our Services



Neighborhood Pop Ups

Our Neighborhood Drives offers tangible daily living supplies to Neighborhoods. Residents can receive Clothing, Hygiene Products, Food and other resources at our Neighborhood Pop Ups.



Neighborhood Cleaning

An unclean neighborhood is not only an unpleasant sight but can also be a health hazard. Litter attracts insects and rodents which can spread various diseases. Our quarterly community cleanings help restore hope and a clean environment.



Laundry Services

Our Laundry Services provides necessary funds and or supplies for families in need to be able to wash their clothing. Specific dates for this service may vary but will be posted with criteria.



Holiday Drives

Our annual partnership with OTRP614 provides Turkeys and various items for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Our goal is to be a pillar of hope and love producing the necessary resources needed during the Christmas and New Year Season with other initiatives.



The MP Empowerment Academy

This program offers Financial Literacy, Job Coaching, Leadership and Life Skills programming for all ages with practical interactive curriculum. Participants will receive a Certificate of Completion for completing these programs.



The Marcus M. Payne Scholarship Fund

This Scholarship Fund is two fold: A Collegiate Scholarship and a Summer Camp Scholarship. Application dates, qualifications and instructions will be posted on our website and social media platforms.

Meet the Team



Mark Payne Jr. is a Senior Entrepreneurial Executive with extensive experience in strategic business development, sales, operations management, and team leadership. He possesses leverage expertise in optimizing pre-attentive efficiency, increasing productivity, and exceeding target sales goals.

His "lead by example" management style with intuitive sales and market strategies maximizes efforts and boosts profits and productivity. His steadfast approach to keeping current on industry standards and market factors, successfully translates our Mission to meet the needs of our community.

As a graduate of The Ohio State University, majoring in Consumer Family Financial Services, his desire to help people started long before his college career. As a grade school scholar, he has participated in many different mentorship programs and public speaking engagements on the importance of education and finance. These engagements spanned from various schools, non for profits and numerous corporations.

A longtime member of the J. Ashburn Jr. Youth Center, Mark was the first ever to receive the Lawrence Funderburke Award along with many other community service awards. His over 14 years of experience in the corporate, non-profit and educational area has granted him the tools needed to be an effective leader and manifest the true mission and vision of WWMD.

Mark Payne Jr.
Chief Executive Officer



Devyn Coleman Sr.
Chief Operating Officer



Victoria Landrum
Treasurer



Mark Payne Sr.
Logistics Team Leader



Sherod Payne
Research Team Leader



Maurice Payne
Social Media Team Leader

National Night Out

AUGUST 1, 2023

Words can't describe our gratitude towards you all for supporting our very first night out. From our donors to our vendors to our volunteers...it is because of you we were successful!

We distributed 100 bags of school supplies filled with pencils, 24 pack of crayons, filler paper, notebooks, glue sticks, two pocket folders and spiral binders. We connected with over 200 people including men, women, and children during our event.

We are grateful and can't wait for next year - even bigger and better. Check out our save the date. More Pictures can be found on our website and social media outlets.



NEVER FORGET THE 9 >>>

WWMD traveled to Dayton, Ohio to support our brothers and sisters who lost loved ones in the the Dayton 9 Mass Shooting in the Oregon District. This event was sponsored by Mr. Dion Green founder of the Fudge Foundation and survivor of the Mass Shooting. The FUDGE Foundation seeks to support individuals on their journey of grief and healing from traumatic events through the delivery of support service and advocacy at both a local and national level. More information on their organization can be found on their website at <https://fudgefoundation.org>



WWMD with Mr. Dion Green Founder of The Fudge Foundation



WWMD with Ms. Samaria Rice Mother of Tamir Rice Founder of The Tamir Rice Foundation



WWMD with Mr. Tobias Hill from American Idol



AAMW WALK >>>

Since 2004, The National African American Male Wellness Agency (AAMWA 501- C3 charity) has taken a stance to reduce disparities in premature death and chronic diseases among African American (AA) males by providing over 4,000 free health screenings yearly and innovative health education programs. Annually, the agency engages AA males in over 16 U.S Cities (Columbus, OH, DC, Atlanta, Charlotte to name a few).

This years 5k walk started at Nationwide Children's with health care screenings and resources for all. Over 1,000 Men received free health screenings.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT >>>

The WWMD Team is proud to celebrate Mr. Rodney Johnson and Ms. Mecca Royal as our September 2023 Volunteer Spotlight.

Since the conception of WWMD both Rodney & Mecca have supported our mission. They both are also long time friends of Marcus.

It is our pleasure to show them our appreciation and love. **We take this time to publicly say THANK YOU Rodney & Mecca!!!**



PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Mothers of Murdered Columbus Children



Mrs. Malissa Thomas St. Clair
Founder

Mrs. Karla Harris
Co-Founder

At its core, Mothers of Murdered Columbus Children is an army of warriors who have been directly impacted by the murder of a child as a result of crime. Through support from and mobilization of citizens, public officials, grassroots organization leaders, unions, school districts, local businesses, and law enforcement, we will saturate the community with information, education, and awareness to enable a drastic decrease in the spread of the epidemic of violence and crime.

More information can be found at www.mothersofmurderedcolumbuschildren.com



UPCOMING EVENTS

Stay connected with us - WWMD614.org



VOLUNTEER FOR OUR EVENTS

wwmd614.org/volunteer

September

- 9/11 - Remembering Marcus Day
- 9/23 - Central High School Back To School Bash
- 11:00am-4:00pm - 908 Morse Road Columbus, OH 43229
- TBA- City BBQ Fundraiser

October

- 10/1 - MOMCC Fall Family Fun Festival
- 3pm-6pm - 284 N. 22nd Columbus, Ohio 43203
- Fourth Quarter Community Clean Up
- TBA-Bowling Fundraiser

November

- OTRP Turkey Drop
- Resource Pop Up

SUPPORT OUR MISSION



What Would Marcus Do is a non profit organization with a mission to Restore Hope and Resources to the Hilltop Community and abroad.

Your financial contributions assists with the continuance of this mission. All donations are tax deductible.

Make a one time or reoccurring financial donation today

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