

THE Michael Finley FOUNDATION

Newsletter

Greetings Finley Foundation Supporters. Your support at the launch in January was stirring. Our goal is to further inspire each of you to continue to provide support to the foundation. Your encouragement and belief in us is key to advancing our program thus far. Here is a brief update of our progress this year.

SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

Great news. Michael and the foundation have been given the opportunity to provide a scholarship to a deserving student-athlete from the



University of Wisconsin-Madison. February, Michael and Jean visited the campus to receive recognition for the scholarship. Michael believes, "it's time to give back and help other kids realize their potential and benefit from the wonderful education and experience that UW-Madison provides."

The Michael Finley Foundation Scholarship will be awarded annually to an African-American student-athlete at the University of Wisconsin. This is just a small token for the university that has provided so much to Michael's education and development.

PARTNERSHIP ESTABLISHMENT

More great news. IBM has signed on as partner for the summer 2017 G.I.F.T.4.S. program. Romelia Flores, master inventor, has decided to bring her talents to the 75

students that will participate in the summer program. Mrs. Flores holds 25 patents with 26 pending. Even with all of her success, she believes in giving back to the next generation of inventors. It is her mission to expand the horizons of students to look beyond today to help those in the future. The G.I.F.T.4.S. program is a perfect vehicle to continue her quest of innovation. Stephanie and Jean visited the IBM GIGAWOT camp to learn about the fun activities our students will participate in next summer.



SHEFFIELD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

The Michael Finley Foundation is working hard. Since the launch in January, we adopted Sheffield Intermediate School. Until we unveil the G.I.F.T.4.S. program, we are motivating our future generation in various ways. Before the website launch, Michael visited with the students encouraging the importance of education combined with health and wellness. We participated in the school's field day last spring as well featuring Everson Walls as guest speaker. Kona Ice was provided to keep the students cool and refreshed. Michael and Jean, the executive director, plans on meeting with the district to propose a partnership for the summer of 2017.



FOUNDATION SPOTLIGHT

Meet the new Director of High School Programming.

For the past 20 years, Mrs. Stephanie Buckner has worked in the field of education. Stephanie earned her Master's degree at Texas Woman's University in Counseling. She is currently pursuing her PhD in Educational Psychology.

Stephanie brings a tremendous amount of expertise in working with at risk student populations. Visit our website and read more about our newest team member, Stephanie Buckner.



ON THE HORIZON

StarPower VIP Golf Tournament

On Monday, August 29, 2016, Michael agreed to be the honoree for StarPower's upcoming golf tournament at Stonebriar Country Club in Frisco, Texas. Brandi Thompson (Manager of Marketing and VIP services) is highly motivated in spreading the word about the importance of decreasing summer learning loss in our children. We are excited about meeting StarPower guests on Sunday, August 28, 2016. It is an opportunity to advocate for the foundation and the **G.I.F.T.4.S.** program.

Tiff's Treats Grand Opening

Conquer the battle of the sweet tooth. Coming soon is the grand opening of **Tiff's Treats** DFW #8 store. Jeff Sartor (Executive VP Marketing) connected with Michael and our foundation to partner with them. It is a great event in which all proceeds raised go toward a specific goal for The Michael Finley Foundation. As soon as the grand opening date is announced, we would appreciate your support in advance in attending this grand affair. Remember, **Tiff's Treats**, delicious, warm tasty treats to sooth your delicate taste buds.

The Michael Finley Foundation Charity Poker Challenge

Are you ready Finley Foundation Supporters to go all in? Coming January 2017, The Michael Finley Foundation will host its first annual Texas Hold'em Charity Poker Challenge Event. We need your

enthusiasm and support! We are inviting everyone to participate in more than one way.

Sponsor the event

There is more than one way to participate as a sponsor. It is an opportunity to show how your company supports the foundation in its endeavor to decrease summer learning loss. Show your company pride by displaying your logo throughout this star studded event. Call Jean or Venera for more information at 940-631-9370.

Donate

Prizes are needed for the event's night long raffle and prize baskets. Gift boxes are filled with elite surprises guaranteeing returning prospective players in playing in our annual tournament. Join in on the fun of providing our supporters with exciting gifts. Contact Jean or Venera to express your interest 940-631-9370.

Play

Show your enthusiasm for the foundation and its mission by becoming an active participant. Have fun and yell out "All In" to professional celebrity guests.

Volunteer

Volunteers are the essence of helping our children achieve success in life. Call or register on our website today to commit your support to The Michael Finley Foundation and our 1st annual poker event.

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Keep updated on the exciting happenings of The Michael Finley Foundation. We need you to increase our following and spread the word.

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