

TOLF NEWS

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THE ONE LESS FOUNDATION is a 501 (c)(3) tax exempt nonprofit organization dedicated to alleviating poverty in communities by providing in-school services, financial literacy courses, life coaching and mentoring. Our programs aim to help those in underserved communities gain the tools they need to put themselves on the path to financial stability, leading to a way out of poverty.

For more information about our programs, please visit our website.

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To help support our organization and programs please consider making a 100% tax deductible contribution

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2014: A NEW YEAR OF PROGRESS

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year!

We had a wonderful 2013 and accomplished many great things in our work to improve the lives of those in poverty. The help of our staff, volunteers, donors and supporters has been invaluable.

We have a lot to look forward to this year; including unveiling new projects and campaigns that will engage the community, as well as a brand new website.

We are excited about the many new partnerships, programs and organizations that we will work with and support this year.

Thank you for joining our effort to fight poverty and for your continued support. Best wishes to you for a successful and productive 2014!

We look forward to getting your input and support during the year.

Sincerely,
 Ingrid R. Shepard
 Executive Director

Everyone a Philanthropist

We believe that each of us can be a philanthropist and that it isn't based on the amount of money you give, rather the intent behind it. This year we unveil our new donation campaign, Ten for \$10, and ask that you join us and spread the word. In keeping with our philosophy on giving, the Ten for \$10 campaign focuses on giving at any level, because everyone can be a philanthropist!

TEN for \$10



Our fundraising campaign this year is Ten for \$10. We're asking supporters of The One Less Foundation (TOLF) to join the campaign by signing up to make a \$10 monthly contribution and then ask 10 additional people in your personal and professional networks to match your \$10 monthly contribution. This will help our organization continue to provide our programs to those who need them most. For more information about the TEN for \$10 campaign, please visit our website at: www.theonelessfoundation.org/tenfor10 and find out how \$10 helps our programs and makes a difference.

What Poverty Taught Me

Re-focusing the discussion to those in need

We're launching a social media campaign to help return the discussion about poverty back to where it belongs—causes and solutions to poverty instead of playing the blame game. We're using our social media platforms to engage the public and collect stories that will be used in a compilation video and eBook that tells the many stories of poverty. We want to put a face to poverty and discuss some of the causes, the lifestyles and solutions that are working to lift people out of poverty. To learn more about our What Poverty Taught Me campaign and to find out how you can get involved, please visit: <http://www.theonelessfoundation.org/wptmcampaign>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday April 12:
 Everyone a Philanthropist
 Spring Fundraiser

Saturday May 17:
 College Fair @ MLK High School

Ongoing Student classes:



The Reading
 Workshop



SAT Test Prep



College Writing



Teen Personal Finance

Check our website for a full list of programs, workshops and community events.



Nikki Johnson-Huston, Esq.
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*“Growing up in tough
circumstances does not
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nothing that you can’t
do” Nikki Johnson-
Huston*

Spotlight — Nikki Johnson-Huston (Guest Speaker)

On January 13, 2014, Mrs. Nikki Johnson-Huston spoke to students from our RISE Mentoring program, as well as invited students and guests from L.O.G.A.N. Hope Charter School and TABOR Children’s Services. This event was covered by Newsworks/WHYY (local Philadelphia NPR affiliate).

Mrs. Johnson-Huston shared her story of overcoming a childhood spent in homelessness and poverty, before graduating from Temple University with a J.D./M.B.A./LL.M in Taxation and becoming a successful Tax Attorney in Philadelphia and opening her own firm, Philly Tax Diva. (phillytaxdiva.com). Nikki is also an advocate for child homelessness and poverty.

In speaking about growing up with her family in Detroit, MI, she shared the challenges she faced as an intermittently homeless child; the family not quite having enough to eat or knowing where they would lay their heads at night.

Mrs. Johnson-Huston told the students that she realized early on that this was not the life she wanted for herself and knew she deserved better. Getting an education would be the key to her success. Nikki told the students that libraries became her sanctuary and books allowed her to read about other people, their lives and their experiences; which inspired her to keep pushing forward in life. She explained to the students that “failure wasn’t going to hurt me” and this attitude is what helped her to work hard to achieve academic success, even when it didn’t always work out the way she expected.

At the end of her time, Nikki shared advice with the students that would help them as they work to get an education and become the people they want to be. She said, “Growing up in tough circumstances does not make your dreams impossible... and there is nothing that you can’t do.”

To read more about Mrs. Nikki Johnson-Huston and her story go to: nikkijohnsonhuston.com

Feedback from Participants

“Thank you so much, I really appreciate the EBMS Family Scholarship. It has helped me for my first semester of higher education. Because of the support from your organization, it gave me more motivation to get good grades and work hard since so many people believe in me. I am so far enjoying my college experience...I would not be able to make it this far without not only your financial support but with the advice that has been so helpful transferring from high school to college. Thank you so much for everything your organization has done for me. I can only try to explain how much it means to my family and I to have your support. My GPA is 3.6” Kamilia L. (2013 recipient of an EBMS Family Scholarship and attendee of the summer College Bound—Prepare to Succeed workshops for incoming college freshmen)

Welcome to our new
sponsor National Penn Bank



Join us in welcoming National Penn Bank as a new sponsor of The One Less Foundation and our adult and teen Financial Literacy programs. National Penn Bank serves the Philadelphia region and invests in local communities through its employee volunteers and by sponsoring financial education programs to under-served communities. We are excited to have them join us and look forward to working with them in the Germantown community.



NIKKI JOHNSON-HUSTON & STUDENTS

In December 2013, TOLF sponsored a day of Career and Personal Finance related workshops with the Wharton’s Schools annual Whitney M. Young, Jr. Conference, Wharton’s African-American MBA Association (AAMBAA). The workshops were held at Jon M. Huntsman hall and open to adults who were able to choose several classes to attend. The classes were staffed and led by University of Pennsylvania (Penn) faculty and students from The Whitney M. Young, Jr. conference, along with TOLF volunteers.



ADDITIONAL SOCIAL MEDIA: tolfstudent.tumblr.com; tolfinspire.tumblr.com