## **Curriculum Sessions**

Create a supportive setting for protégés;

Promote a positive identity among protégés

Enable protégés to understand the importance of the transition from boyhood to manhood;

Increase protégés' understanding of the importance of community service;

Increase protégés' knowledge of personal development; life skills; social skills; economics; health; and cultural history;

Increase protégés' understanding of the importance of getting a good education by doing well in school;

Increase protégés' ability to take responsibility for their success in school and in life.

## CHALLENGES FACED BY YOUNG MALES

- Absence of Father
- Learning from teachers with low expectations and stereotypes
- Embracing an education system that devalues them; feeling that education isn't a viable option
- Teen Fatherhood
- Sex vs. Abstinence
- Popularity / Belonging vs. Academic Achievement
- Punked vs. Respected
- Gangs vs. Alienation
- Fast Money vs. Delayed Gratification
- Parents vs. Peers
- Police Abuse vs. Respecting Authority
- Oreo vs Being "down"

## YOUNG MEN OF VALOR

Life Changers Community Development Corp

"The Lord is with thee, thou mighty man of valor" Judges 6:12

## Rites of Passage programs like YMOV Help Guide and affirm a transition from one status in life to another

This program is focused on preparing boys (referred to programmatically as young men and protégés) in essential areas of manhood.

This program is based on the principles of life transitions, this program seeks to develop successive generations of men who understand their identity, purpose, and direction for a successful life as a family member, worker, community member, and productive citizen.

**Vision:** To build successive generations of knowledgeable and committed men who model leadership in school, family, and community.

**Mission:** To instill in boys personal, social, educational, economic, health and historical / cultural knowledge that is essential to the development of a positive self-image toward reaching the highest human potential.

We strive for excellence in all phases of life.

"ALL THESE WERE THE CHILDREN OF ASHER, HEADS OF THEIR FATHER'S HOUSE, CHOICE AND MIGHTY MEN OF VALOR" 1 CHRONICLES 7:40 YOUNG MEN OF VALOR BOYHOOD TO MANHOOD RITES OF PASSAGE CURRICULUM:

IS BASED ON REAL EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES OF YOUTH, SPECIFICALLY MALE YOUTH. THROUGH INTERACTIVE GROUP SESSIONS, SPEAKERS, MENTORS AND TUTORIAL SUPPORT, THE CURRICULUM HAS SIX MODULES AND OFFERS SCHOOLS AND OTHER COMMUNITY/ FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS A GUIDE TO IMPLEMENTING EFFECTIVE RITES OF PASSAGE PROGRAMMING.

"OUR GOAL IS TO TURN YOUNG BOYS INTO MEN"