



**THE TALENTH TENTH** – What a magnificent group God has put together! Our Team has been charged with the mission of bringing up this core group of youth to be successful. The Team consists of dedicated people cooperating together for a common

goal. We would like to thank all of you.

A lot has been on their plate since the program began in September. The interns meet every Saturday at St Clair Community College from 8:30am - 11:30am. They begin each session with prayer, breakfast and writing in their journal about current events that are happening in the community and the world.

Some very prominent people have been invited to speak with the TTP interns. In September Dr. Kevin Pollack, President of St Clair Community College spoke to the interns about how he overcame hurdles, failures and obstacles and succeeded. He shared with the youth to, “hang in there when life gets tough. Pull from the resources around you...family, friends, a pastor or a teacher, someone that will guide you in the right path. Don’t be afraid to ask for help”!



At the end of September we visited the Detroit Edison Plant in Maryville. Terri Hall arranged our tour. The interns were required to wear hard hats, goggles, and gloves as they walked through the plant. Our visit was very informative, especially to those interns that are interested in pursuing a

career in engineering. An enormous “THANK YOU”, goes out to Terri for not only arranging an awesome visit with DTE, but for also donating the funds for the TTP interns to receive their TTP shirts! God Bless You!



Mrs. Christmas from St Clair County Community College gave advice and information packages on “how to get valuable information on perspective institutions. Mrs. Christmas gave TTP interns insightful tips, strategies and the right questions to ask when speaking with representatives from various colleges/universities.

Miguel Ferry one of our TTP interns applied for the youth advisory board at E&A Credit Union Bank and was appointed as one of the youth advisors! Way to go Miguel!



In October we were so very blessed to be working with RESA to achieve a higher standard of learning for TTP. Kathy Busdicker and Jennifer Evans brought each TTP

intern a survival kit. Each kit contained folders, flash drive, and highlighter. The ladies taught the interns how to code the folders, so that they can keep the necessary documents organized and ready for college entrance. The flash drive is available so that they can file information about colleges and requirements at their fingertips. Talk about being ahead of the game...watch out world the TTP are armed and being trained to be successful as our future leaders.

On October 22, Bob Funk from Chase Bank was invited to come and speak with the interns about the



trials and testing he endured in life. He said, "Getting your education is key! You coming here every Saturday morning shows a lot of character". "People your age getting up early on a Saturday to learn how to achieve and give back to the community is remarkable. You are on the right path to success"! We thank you Bob for your words of encouragement and your contribution as a leader in our community. Right after Bob left the TTP were given a practice ACT exam awarded to them by the Director of Educational Services Dr. Joanne Hopper.

The Talented Tenth Interns were blessed because of the kindness and generosity of Dr. Hopper. These ACT practice tests were scored and reviewed with the interns the following Saturday. Not only did Dr. Hopper, herself review the results of the exam with the interns, she granted the TTP 4 expert teachers in the core curriculum areas to tutor the interns on the Saturdays. Each intern was given an ACT Prep Book to keep and assist with future testing. WOW again only something God could do! Brief shouts out to the teachers that have been in to deposit a wealth of knowledge to cultivate the TTP interns: Rebecca Barney – English/Writing, Mr. Monte – Science, and Ms. Tomhave – ELA Teacher. They have shared insight, tips, encouragement, answers, and time to give the TTP a step ahead in their journey. THANKS again Dr. Hopper and all the teachers thus far who have invested in the TTP! We are so looking forward to the math instructor who will be here soon.



In collaboration with RESA, The Talented Tenth leadership team sponsored a Historical Black College session at Faith Christian Community Church. This was an awesome informational community event. Reverend Anthony Jones enlightened us about the history of black colleges

and university's the advantages, the facts vs. the myths about attending black college/universities, the programs offered and the financial aid available. The TTP asked questions and attained material necessary to help them make an informed decision when deciding on their future. Thank You Mr. Jones!

TTP attended, assisted in hosting and were featured at this year's NAACP Banquet. Our own Kim Drewery sang and TTP spoke to the audience about being a TTP intern. There was a soul moving interpretive dance by TTP leader Alexandria Christmas. The entire community was inspired by this expression of love that made a positive impact on the leaders of our community.



On November 12, we had an amazing time at a Wayne State University football game, to relax and encourage Troy Burrell, one of the starters on the team. God granted us the perfect weather! The TTP enjoyed the game on a crisp autumn day with a barbeque. Rev Kevin Totty and a team of culinary experts grilled up some hot dogs, sausages, and hamburgers with all the fixings ...mmm good! All had a great time!

A gentleman, who wishes to remain anonymous, donated \$1500.00 in turkeys for our interns to distribute to the community for Thanksgiving. TTP had the opportunity to hand these turkeys out to the people and tell them about the SONS Organization. Many recipients were overwhelmed, speechless and humbled by this awesome expression of "Love". God gave the TTP an experience they will never forget.



Wow it is December and the TTP are in full throttle. Mid-City Food Nutrition, (Alice Reeves), Director, and TTP worked together to raise money for the St Clair County United Way. A scrumptious roast pork dinner was served with all the sides and dessert for a mere minimum donation of \$10.00. All proceeds went to the United Way. Christmas carols and Christmas decorations provided a beautiful setting to this wonderful meal! TTP served the meal, waited on the guests and assisted with clean up. Alice has provided breakfast for the Talented Tenth Leadership Interns every Saturday since we started meeting in the College Center. The Students were excited to work alongside Mrs. Reeves as she supported our United Way of St Clair County. Thank you Alice!

As the TTP program coordinator I have help not only from the Holy Spirit but a wonderful team of parents, community leaders and an awesome administrative secretary, Yvonne Williams. She records the meetings, helps the interns, and is a definite strength to this organization. THANK YOU!



I would also like to thank God for my wife and helpmate Jessica Totty for everything she does in the Talented Tenth Family. Jessica mentors the young ladies, encourages all of the interns and sets the example of a "Proverb 31 woman". Jessica does whatever it takes to support these future leaders.

From TTP Interns, Yvonne Williams, Jessica Totty and Kevin M. Totty Sr., Director, we pray a very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Prosperous New Year for you!