



# WORLD CHANGERS

## COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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### Community Empowerment Association

Community Empowerment Association (CEA), Inc. was organized by community activist T. Rashad Byrdsong in 1993 in an effort to reduce and prevent violence in the Homewood-Brushton area of Pittsburgh. CEA's mission is to restore, reclaim and transform distressed communities through strategic planning, collaboration, advocacy, education and mobilization. CEA seeks to develop the knowledge, skill, leadership and influence that will enable its participants, families, and the community to live healthy secure, fruitful, and productive lives. Since its inception in 1993, CEA has been tirelessly serving thousands of disadvantaged and minority families throughout the Greater Pittsburgh area and has served over 25,000 individuals, youth and families residing in 48 neighborhoods, enrolled in 74 schools and 9 school districts within Pittsburgh and Allegheny County.

# ***World Changers Youth***

World Changers would like to wish you all a Happy New Year. It may be a new year, but we are still working to address the very issues that have been overwhelmingly impacting our communities for years.

We unfortunately, ended the year with the loss of one of our star students, Jafar Brooks. Our team was heavenly impacted by this loss and have dedicated our next few multimedia projects addressing the Issue of Gun Violence.

## **- World Changers Youth**



## ***A World Without Violence "An Art Perspective"***

Our younger students, also part of the World Changers campaign, have been hard at work addressing various topics of violence.

Jerel Webster, our internal instructor, has dedicated his spare time, helping to expose our younger youth to a new form of expression. Art.

Art helps our youth gain control over their emotions and transform those emotions into new creative energy. Our youth are learning how to channel expression through color, materials, text, etc. Specifically, addressing their internal feelings regarding the Interpersonal, social, and systemic violence

## ***World Changers Anti-Violence Campaign***

### **What is it?**

World Changers is a youth driven social and interpersonal anti-violence campaign striving to empower our youth, families, and communities to awaken their consciousness and be the change our world needs.

### **December and January Highlights**

Not only did the youth volunteer their time during the annual coat drive, they also educated themselves, learning why resources like these are necessary for our communities. The youth engaged in workshops covering the topic of homelessness, poverty, and financial disparities within our communities.

### **Upcoming Workshops**

Our youth will pick back up with workshops beginning Saturday, January 2, 2022. In honor of Jafar Brooks, the youth will focus on the public health issue of gun violence.





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