



-YMWAP NEWS-

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Thinking of you all in these tough times—stay well.

Thank you Charles Hayden Foundation, for your continued generous funding!

Connection with our young men

We maintain constant contact with the young men in the program through texts, FaceTime and Zoom. We are working steadily with mentors on recruiting 9th grade students. Some have lists of prospective students and for others this will take longer than usual. We check in consistently with our 11th graders with messaging about staying healthy and motivated in school. Some are struggling; they have been so long at home, immersed in social media, with increasing neighborhood violence and some experiencing economic impacts from Covid. Our 2020 grads stay in touch and we've supporting them with adjusting to the challenges of college and remote learning. We have helped them to understand assignments, with writing, locating tutors, and jobs.

Mentors

The mentor team is attending outdoor training on Saturday at the Lewis Family Foundation's Pinnacle Leadership Center and Trauma Informed Care training by a Doc Wayne psychologist via Zoom next Monday evening. The Nellie Mae Educational Foundation funded the trauma training.

New Space

Because we can't operate in schools, we rented space in downtown Hyde Park, beginning October 1. We have strict protocols on occupancy, masks, spacing, cleaning and sanitizing protocols.



This is the biggest of three rooms. We will send a video of the entire space soon.

Thank you; stay well; please reach out with any questions or concerns—Jaykyri & Des