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Foundation

2024 Annual Report



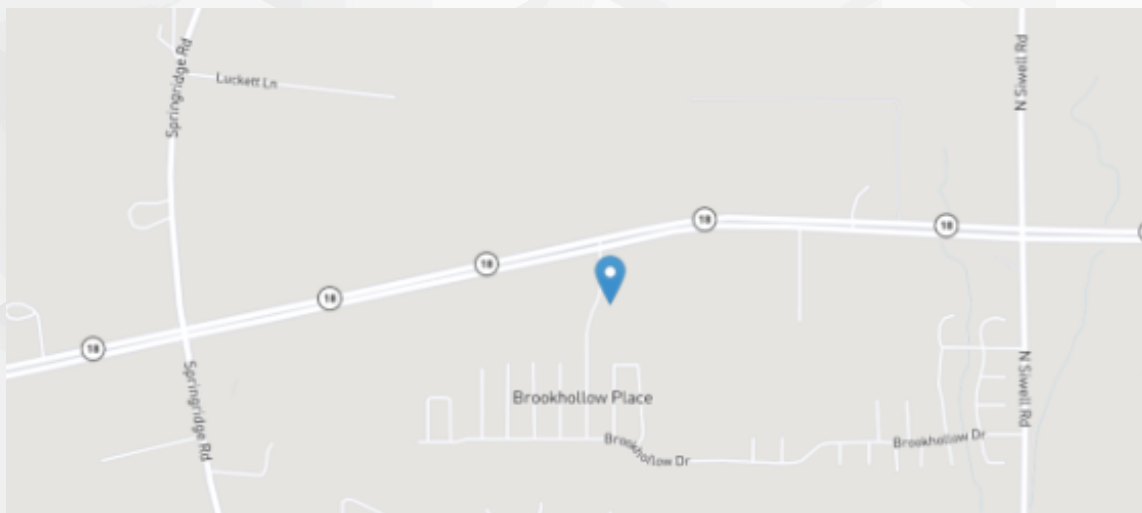
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Enhancing Literacy, Mitigating Health Disparities

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Literacy is knowledge, and knowledge is power.

Literacy and teamwork are vital to success and are essential to the health of any community. Free access to tutorial and test prep services can be life changing. We believe it, and we are grateful that you do, too. Your support has helped us to provide free services for underserved, underprivileged children all year long.

Your support has also helped *The Literacy Hour* to become a staple weekly broadcast in different cities in Mississippi.

Thank you!

Thank you!

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2024 Board of Directors



Robin Harvey, Ph.D.
Psychologist

Oops - looks like we're missing a beautiful pic!

Dean Johnson
Entrepreneur/Carpenter



Lillian Lackey
Retired Teacher



Londra Hunter
Public School Teacher



Diane Ephfrom
Retired U.S. Army Sargeant



Makayla Bell
Student Representative



Kentrell Liddell, M.D., M.B.A.
Healthcare Consultant



You

Please consider calling our Center today to request a Board of Director Candidate Application.

A Letter From Our Founding President

December 31, 2024

As we conclude this final day of 2024 and the fall academic semester, I am filled with gratitude. Thankful for the remarkable work of our professional staff. Thankful for the stick-to-it-ness of our dedicated K-12, college level, and professional school scholars. Thankful to you for being engaged and for providing impactful opportunities for our scholars.

Thank you for your generosity and belief in our mission. In 2024, your support helped us to achieve incredible milestones. Through our Community Engagement Program, we hosted 51 radio broadcasts about literacy and assisted 10 farmers with their completion of the Discrimination Financial Assistance Program (DFAP) applications. We also help 7 veterans to access their VA accounts online for the first time. For the 2nd year in a row, all of our scholars were promoted to their next grade level. We are excited about what lies in store for them as we shift our attention in preparation for the spring academic semester and to what has become an iconic Summer Academic Enrichment Program (SAEP). SAEP will take place from July 7 – August 1, 2025, and we are fundraising now to make it happen.

I believe that we have many reasons to be very proud of our Foundation's accomplishments this year and that the best is yet to come as we remain laser-focused on literacy and health disparities. We are dedicated to making a difference with our innovative educational support interventions that help children to easily grasp school concepts and to demonstrate important life skills.

Our Foundation remains in the heart of a South Jackson, Mississippi neighborhood where low- and very low-income families reside, and it is exactly where we want to be, because it's where the greatest needs lie. Addressing fundamental, structural causes of persistent poverty and disparities in education, housing, economic development, food security, offers our greatest hope of dismantling the effects of prolonged systemic racism and discrimination. Addressing these issues head-on offers the greatest opportunity to advance equity and to eliminate the disparities.

A career is finite. Our lives are finite. But the contributions we make to this world...they have a different shelf life. Join us in combatting illiteracy, food insecurity, and health disparities. Together, I know that we can help keep our children on track for success.

We are deeply grateful for your continued support and the contributions you will share in 2025. Together, we are making a real difference, and we look forward to continuing this impactful journey with you in 2025. Stay connected through our newsletters and social media to see how your contributions are driving meaningful changes, igniting success, and transforming lives.

Happy New Year's Eve,

Dr. Kentrell Liddell

Our Mission

We aim to make high-quality tutoring and other educational support services accessible by all students, especially those who live in underserved, low income areas.



We also aim to mitigate health disparities by empowering our community through direct engagement and literacy enhancement.

Our Programs

Afterschool Tutoring Program

Summer Academic Enrichment Program

Community Engagement Program

Workforce Development Program

Recreation & Fitness Program



More Foundation Accomplishments

Community Engagement Program: Served 47 community members in-person and ~ 7,000 via *The Literacy Hour* on WMPR 90.1 FM, WFQY 99.1 FM, and WGDQ 93.1 FM.

The Literacy Hour is a weekly online broadcast developed in 2022 to focus on various literacy-related topics, including health literacy and financial literacy, via radio and social media outlets on Tuesday mornings from 7:00 until 8:00 (CST). While there remains significant anecdotal evidence that the Literacy Hour is effective at increasing community engagement, enhancing literacy, and building trust in the healthcare system this year, formal study is needed.

The Literacy Hour serves populations of varying ages, ranging from teenagers and young adults to middle-aged and elderly listeners, and it streams nationally and internationally via *YouTube*. By involving community members in the dialogue, the broadcast builds trust and creates a sustainable framework for community engagement.

The Literacy Hour continues to have a tremendous impact, encouraging future generations to lead healthier, better informed, more productive lives.

THE LITERACY HOUR

HOST:
DR. KENTRELL LIDDELL

TUESDAY MORNINGS

TIME
7:00AM - 8:00 AM

WMPR 90.1 FM, WFQY 99.1 FM,
WGDQ 93.1 FM & TEST-TAKING
SOLUTION FOUNDATION'S YOUTUBE
LIVESTREAM

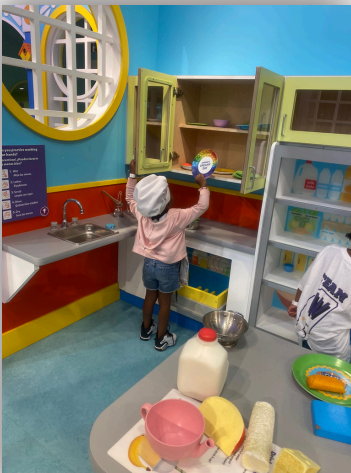
WWW.TTSFOUNDATION.ORG/LITERACY-HOUR

More Accomplishments

Afterschool Program - Tutored 150 scholars in grades K-12, and all passed to the next grade level. Assisted 3 college students virtually with test prep for MCAT, GMAT, and GRE, and all achieved their goal scores as did a professional level student preparing for the NCLEX.



Summer Academic Enrichment Program - Served 35 scholars with nutritious meals, field trips and scientific-based adventures with a five-day weekly theme of Math Mondays, Field Trip Tuesdays, Wealth-building Wednesdays, Storytelling Thursdays, and ScientiFIC and Food Fridays.



Recreation & Fitness Program – Hosted recreation activities and provided access to fitness equipment for 25 scholars.



Workforce Development Program – Facilitated the training and job placement of 7 adults. Assisted with professional development for 2 corporations and grant writing for 3 nonprofit entities.



More Positive Impact

JANUARY 2024

- Helped 7 farmers meet the deadline for submitting their Discrimination Financial Assistance Program (DFAP) application to USDA.
- Showcased the reading skills of a 3rd grader who had previously failed the 3rd grade Reading Gate Test in the form of an audio of his demonstration on our official website. (*By the way, he, like so many others before him, passed the test after receiving TTS test prep and tutorial services!*)

FEBRUARY 2024

- February 7, 2024 – Notified by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) of acceptance as a MoneySmart Alliance member: <https://www.fdic.gov/consumer-resource-center/money-smart-alliance-members-list>.

MARCH 2024

- March 3, 2024 - Was awarded a *Microsoft Office 365 Tech for Social Impact Grant* by *Microsoft*.

JUNE 2024

- June 4, 2024 – Established the Test-Taking Solution Foundation YouTube™ Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@Test-TakingSolutionFoundation/streams>.
- June 28, 2024 – Became a Certified Application Counselor Designated Organization (CDO) by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to help people enroll in health insurance coverage through the Federally-Facilitated Marketplace (FFM) on *HealthCare.gov* with focus on education, outreach, and enrollment efforts to underserved and diverse communities. Foundation to be listed on the *CMS Find Local Help* tool.

JULY 2024

- July 1-31, 2024 – Hosted a successful *Summer Academic Enrichment Program* with 15 campers, with application of these themes: Math Mondays, Field Trip Tuesdays, Wealth-Building Wednesdays, Storytelling Thursdays, and Food & Scientific Fridays.
- July 2024 – Co-sponsored the *Jackson Film Festival* after having hosted a 6-month long *Youth Screenwriting Experience* for which our Foundation received a grant from *Final Draft & Coverfly* in the form of free licenses for 5 youth to develop their screenplays.

AUGUST 2024

- August 1, 2024 – Was notified that two (2) additional Mississippi-based radio stations desire to carry *The Literacy Hour* broadcast: WFQY 99.1 FM, and WGDQ 93.1 FM, bringing the total radio carriers to three (3).

SEPTEMBER 2024

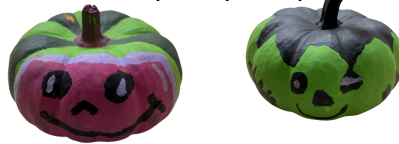
- September 24, 2024 – Was notified by *Atmos Energy* of being awarded \$1000 Food Service Program grant to support our Foundation's *Afterschool Program*.

More Positive Impact



OCTOBER 2024

- October 1, 2024 – Participated in the *National Night Out* event in collaboration with the *Brookhollow Place Neighborhood Association*.
- October 15, 2024 – Awarded a \$100 grocery shopping spree at *Grocery Depot* to *The Literacy Hour* Audience Listener: Annette Boggess for answering all Financial Literacy questions correctly.
- October 21 & 26, 2024 – Attended *Bean Path's* 6th Year Anniversary Makerspace Meet & Greet and Block Party.
- October 26, 2024 – Co-sponsored *OctoberFest* in collaboration with Belmont Baptist Church.
- October 29, 2024 – Participated in the *Mississippi College* Summer Camp Fair.
- October 30, 2024 – Hosted a successful pumpkin painting contest with 12 entries.



- October 31, 2024 – Hosted a successful Trick or Treat Community Engagement Activity with 15 participants.

NOVEMBER 2024

- November 11, 2024 – Met with Dr. Herbert, Chair, Department of Urban & Regional Planning, Jackson State University regarding partnership to establish The Spark (Learning & Activity Center) at the TTSF “Harvey Site”.
- November 16, 2024 – Participated in Association of South Jackson Neighborhoods (ASJN) Annual Community Health Fair.
- November 18, 2024 – Served as a judge for the HBCU founder’s business pitch initiative competition at JSU
- November 20, 2024 – Supported the Regions Bank Reality Fair at Cardozo Middle School by educating students about Financial Literacy. Gifted each student with a book, *Little Kid, Big Fears*, and a gift card for free tutorial and test prep services.
- November 20, 2024 – Met with Hinds County School District Superintendent, Dr. Robert Sanders, to discuss Foundation’s mission and vision and potential partnership with the District.
- November 25-27, 2024 – Hosted a successful ACT Test Prep Workshop with 3 high school participants.

DECEMBER 2024

- December 19, 2024 – Hosted a successful Appreciation Christmas Luncheon honoring staff, donors, and supporters.

Scholar Highlights

Progress Report
Gary Road Elementary
Principal: Carson, Markeeta

Student Name: [Redacted]
Grade: Kindergarten
ID: [Redacted]
Homeroom: Williams, Linda Hope
Date: 11/20/2024

Period	Course	Teacher	Score
01,02	LA KINDERGAR	Williams, Linda Hope	T2
03	LA KINDERGAR	Williams, Linda Hope	85
05,06	MATH KINDERG	Williams, Linda Hope	86

Attendance
Daily Attendance Summary

Absence Type	Day Count
Excused	1
Unexcused	0

[Redacted] is improving! Thank you for the help! 😊

Congratulations!



Kelsi W., Future M.D.

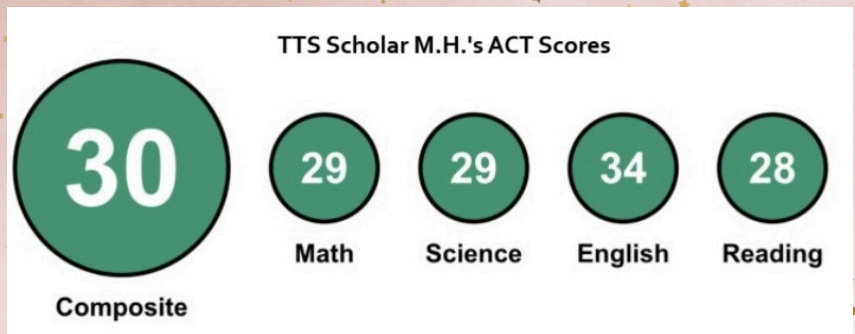
Having scored well on her MCAT, another TTS scholar is headed to medical school!



2024 Summer INTENSIVES
Joffrey Ballet School

Acceptance Letter

Congratulations! You have been **accepted** into the Joffrey Ballet School Summer Intensives!



Progress Report
Rosa Scott
929 Poore's Pass
Madison, MS 39110
(601) 605-0054

Student Name: [Redacted]
Grade: 09
ID: [Redacted]
Homeroom: Cody Opton
Date: 9/4/2024
Counselor: Leigh Earnest

Period	Course	Teacher	Score
01	Foundations of Algebra	Natalie Kyles	T1
02,07	Foundations of Biology	Bart King	93
03	English I	Daralyn Hayes	A
04,08	9 Boys Sports 1	Brad Moody	B
05	Contemporary Health	Terri Garren	C
06	World History	Reagan Johnston	74
			A
			100
			A
			80
			B
			83

More Scholar Highlights

JXN FILM FESTIVAL

jxnfilmfestival.com

presents

YOUTH SCREENWRITING EXPERIENCE

Test-Taking Solution™
Foundation

Table Reads

Story Script
Sense Analysis



Tougaloo College

Bennie G. Thompson Auditorium

5:45pm, Monday, July 22, 2024



During the Foundation's Afterschool Program and our annual SAEP that traditionally occurs throughout the month of July, we help students with their homework and teach them how to express themselves orally and in writing. During Summer 2024, thanks to *Final Draft* (FD), we introduced them to the world of screenwriting.

We believe in using the best resources to help our students address deficiencies. The partnership with FD took our SAEP to a whole new level! Seven (7) youth SAEP participants, ranging in ages from 16 - 20 years old, interested in telling stories on a big screen learned how to do just that and how to have a positive impact. They participated in monthly workshops from December 2023 until June 2024 to learn the basics of screenwriting and how to effectively utilize FD.

Using FD, five (5) SAEP participants successfully completed a 60-minute teleplay that could become the basis of future videogames, tv series, or feature films.

The top two scripts were read during the renowned *Jackson Film Festival* on July 22, 2024. FD's amazing, award-winning screenwriting software made this possible.

The winning script was "The Shining Star" by TTS Scholar Colin Waterman, pictured above at the podium.