

SHINING *The Light*

Summer 2026 Newsletter



Bully the Bully 2nd Annual Youth Camp: Another Year of Success!!!

What a Summer!!!

We've had a fantastic and busy summer filled with great accomplishments and memorable moments.

On July 5th, we hosted our Second Annual Bully the Bully Youth Camp in honor of our Jersey City hometown hero Elijah Williams of the Minnesota Vikings. We welcomed over forty youth athletes to Caven Point and enjoyed a day of team building and skill development.

We have also been working hard on developing our new program, Forward Futures Collaborative, which you will learn about later on in the newsletter. As always, we thank you for your continued support!





HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BIG DAY



Our Board President, Dr. Tonisha Taylor with Coach Jesse (left) and Elijah Williams of the Minnesota Vikings (right)



Thank You to our Volunteers!

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Two athletes running a competitive drill during the youth camp event.



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New Program Launch!!

The Forward Futures Collaborative will provide resources and support to families impacted by incarceration in New Jersey and Maryland. This program is co-led by Dr. Taylor and Monique Thomason, an advocate for supporting incarcerated loved ones. Monique was drawn to this work after the incarceration of her son, Dashawn.

Mission and Vision

Mission

Forward Futures Collaborative exists to support individuals impacted by incarceration and their families by fostering connection, stability, and hope through compassionate assistance, advocacy, and partnerships that strengthen families and communities.

Vision

We are cultivating a future where no family is isolated or constrained by incarceration, where individuals and their loved ones are supported, empowered, and connected, and where communities move forward together toward healing, restoration, and equitable social outcomes.



Monique Thomason and her son Dashawn

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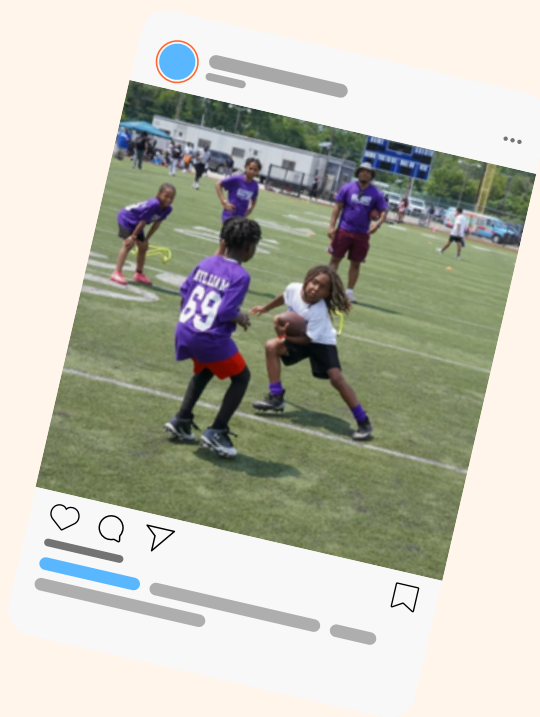
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Back to School Support

In addition to our annual support of the Lincoln High School football team, we teamed up with a local community activist to donate full backpacks to 30 elementary school children in Jersey City.



Stay Connected

Stay up to date with our efforts as we continue to support our community.

Follow **@ShineALightNJ** on Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn to see what we have planned for the fall!



You Make a Difference!!

Please consider making a donation today to keep our programs thriving.

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