



501c3 Non-Profit Organization

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JOURNEYS SOARING IMPACT

"Supporting dreams, changing lives, one student at a time!"

OUR HISTORY:

"Journeys Soaring Impact Pre-Apprenticeship program is a Cincinnati, OH based workforce development initiative started in 2016 by Tom Garten and Barb Smith, the ownership of Journey Steel Inc. The program, approved by the Ohio State Apprenticeship Council (OSAC), began as a means to introduce low-income, inner-city youth to a life changing career in the field of ironworking. The unique year-round program provides fundamental ironworking skills, as well as supports the current and future needs of our youth through providing tutoring, financial literacy education, social networking skill development, meals, housing assistance, and direct entry into the Ironworkers local 44 in Cincinnati as a First-Year Apprentice.

OUR VISION:

Our vision is for all youth, regardless of economic status, to become responsible members and contributors to their communities as they utilize their gifts and talents navigating towards their best life in the field of Ironworking.

OUR MISSION:

Our mission is to provide low-income, inner-city youth in the Greater Cincinnati area, with access to ironworking skills, knowledge and abilities that will catapult them into a career that changes their life, community, and generations to come.

PARTICIPATION:

The program is structured to engage upcoming inner-city high school seniors to participate in the full-time summer program which transitions into a 10-15hr paid employment week during their 12th grade school year. The program timeframe is June to June.

PROGRAM CORE:

Participants of Journeys Soaring I will experience the following: OSHA 30/PPE, Introduction to Ironworking, Blueprint Reading, Soft Skills, Financial Literacy, Career Assessments, Business Professionalism, and the importance of Networking and Community Stewardship.