

# ANNUAL REPORT 2020

# **KOOL BOIZ FOUNDATION**

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# DEAR KOOL BOIZ FOUNDATION PARTNERS

Thanks for your support. Here are a few highlights from 2020... the year of COVID.

# **Strategic Highlights**

2020 was a difficult year for the Kool Boiz Foundation along with most of the world. The global pandemic brought in person fundraising events to a halt. Despite these challenges, we still managed to execute a few programs using technology and the power of our people. Our Promising Men Mentoring program in partnership with the United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley pivoted to Zoom. We also selected one more Kool Boiz Foundation scholar and awarded him a \$4,000 college scholarship.

# **Financial Highlights**

Once again, the Kool Boiz Foundation increased our fundraising efforts versus the prior year. In 2019, our fourth year of operating, we raised \$42,095 towards our programs and expenses. We've successfully increased our revenue to \$42,636 in 2020, in spite of COVID. Thank you to our generous donors and partners for trusting us to positively impact the lives of the boys and young men in the community.

# **Event Highlights**

All Kool Boiz Foundation events were cancelled in 2020 due to the Covid-19 global pandemic. We are actively planning how to safely return these events in 2021.

# **Looking Ahead**

What's next for the Kool Boiz Foundation? That's a great question. We are planning to expand our scholarship programs to include a scholarship awarded to individuals going the certification and training route instead of the college or university route. The foundation is still working to secure a new office space to accommodate additional programs.

We sincerely thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Bruce Rushton

Founder, President and CEO

December 31, 2020

# **OUR MISSION AND HISTORY**

### Mission

The Kool Boiz Foundation is dedicated to providing educational, financial, and emotional support for boys and young men of color in Youngstown, Ohio. We will be a leading advocate for these youths and a catalyst for empowerment and change. Through our college scholarships, mentoring programs, and youth conferences, we are increasing knowledge, wisdom, and understanding with these future leaders.

### **History**

The Kool Boiz Foundation was founded in 2015. The organization's Board of Directors consists of current and former residents of Youngstown, Ohio who decided to form an organization with the sole purpose of giving back to the community that helped make them successful. The Kool Boiz Foundation is a 501c3 charitable organization that operates with integrity and complete transparency. Due to our commitment to transparency, we have been awarded the 2020 Platinum Seal of Transparency by GuideStar.



# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

# 2019 Statement of Activities Summary

- Beginning net Assets \$18,837.14
- Income \$42,095.91
- Expenses \$26,970.67
- Profits \$15,125.24
- Ending net Assets \$33,962.98
  - General Operating Account \$ 13,882.98
  - Scholarship Fund Future Payments \$20,080.00

### 2020 Statement of Activities Summary

- Beginning net Assets \$33,962.98
- Income \$42,636.25
- Expenses \$12,620.12
- Profits \$43,516.13
- Ending net Assets \$77,479.11
  - General Operating Account \$28,127.11
  - Mentoring Program Fund \$5,002.00
  - New Building Fund \$26,770.00
  - Scholarship Fund Future Payments \$ 17,580.00

# 2020 Statement of Activities

|                      | Kool Boiz Foundation Statement of Activities Year Ended December 31, 2020 |                           |    |           |  |
|----------------------|---|---------------------------|----|-----------|--|
|                      |   |                           |    |           |  |
| Loans                |   |                           | \$ | 13,500.00 |  |
|                      |   |                           |    |           |  |
| Revenue              |   |                           |    |           |  |
|                      | Sales   |                           |    |           |  |
|                      |   | Event / Merchandise Sales | \$ | 1,384.24  |  |
|                      | Total Sales   |                           | \$ | 1,384.24  |  |
|                      | Donations   |                           |    |           |  |
|                      |   | General Donations         | \$ | 15,359.16 |  |
|                      | Grants / Corporate Donations / Sponsorships                               |                           | \$ | 25,892.85 |  |
|                      | <b>Total Donations</b>  |                           | \$ | 41,252.01 |  |
|                      |   |                           |    |           |  |
|                      | <b>Total Revenue</b>  |                           | \$ | 42,636.25 |  |
| Expenses             |   |                           |    |           |  |
|                      | <b>Operating Expenses</b>   |                           |    |           |  |
|                      |   | General Operating Expense | \$ | 5,251.36  |  |
|                      |   | Credit Card Processing    | \$ | -         |  |
|                      | <b>Total Operating Expenses</b>   |                           | \$ | 5,251.36  |  |
|                      |   |                           |    |           |  |
|                      | Program Expenses  |                           | \$ | 843.76    |  |
|                      | Total Program Expenses  |                           | \$ | 843.76    |  |
|                      |   |                           |    |           |  |
|                      | Scholarship Expense   |                           | \$ | 6,500.00  |  |
|                      | Total Scholarship Expense   |                           | \$ | 6,500.00  |  |
|                      | Taxes   |                           |    |           |  |
|                      |   | Delaware State Taxes      | \$ | 25.00     |  |
|                      |   | Federal Taxes             | \$ | -         |  |
|                      | Total Tax Expenses  |                           | \$ | 25.00     |  |
|                      | Total Expenses  |                           | \$ | 12,620.12 |  |
| Change in Net Assets |   |                           | \$ | 43,516.13 |  |
| Beginning Net Assets |   |                           | \$ | 33,962.98 |  |
| Ending Net Assets    |   |                           | \$ | 77,479.11 |  |

# **KBF COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS**

# Kool Boiz Foundation \$4,000 College Scholarship Award

The Kool Boiz Foundation College Scholarships are awarded to African American males who plan to attend an accredited 2- or 4-year college or university. To apply, applicants must be a resident of Youngstown, be a graduating high school senior, and have a minimum 3.0 GPA. The Kool Boiz Foundation College Scholarship is a \$1,000 4-year renewable



scholarship (total award is \$4,000). Award recipients must maintain a 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale and be enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited 2- or 4-year college or university. Scholarship funds are paid directly to the college or university on the student's behalf and are paid in two installments.









In 2020, the Kool Boiz Foundation awarded one new college scholarship, our sixth scholarship awarded. Ke'Lynn Dean, a graduate of Chaney High School and is now attending Youngstown State University.

# KBF PROMISING MEN MENTORING

### 2020 Promising Men Mentoring Details



The Kool Boiz Foundation in partnership with the United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley has once again expanded our mentoring program designed to help young men increase their educational skills, social skills, and leadership skills. The Promising Men Mentoring Program works with boys in grades 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> enrolled at Youngstown Community School and Taft Elementary School in Youngstown, Ohio.

The program launched in January 2018 with 10 mentees and expanded to 20 mentees when school resumed in September 2018. The program was forced to pivot in 2020 and began utilizing virtual mentoring sessions via Zoom to address the needs of these young men. Mentors met with the young men virtually for one-hour during the week discussing relevant topics for future success.

# Mentoring Makes a Difference

Our mentoring program aims to change the mindsets and behaviors of the young men we serve and help them achieve success in all aspects of their lives. Research shows that youth who have high levels of developmental assistance achieve more and are involved in fewer high-risk behaviors. According to the National Cares Mentoring



Movement, when young people are mentored well, 98% stay in school; 98% do not become teen parents; 85% do not use drugs; and 98% avoid gang participation.

# KBF YOUNG MEN'S EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE

### 2020 Young Men's Empowerment Conference Details



Our first annual Kool Boiz Foundation Young Men's Empowerment Conference was held Saturday, November 9, 2019, at Eastern Gateway Community College in Youngstown, Ohio. Unfortunately, our 2020 conference was cancelled due to Covid-19. In response to this temporary setback, the Empowerment Conference Committee has decided to launch The Kool Boiz Foundation's Young Mne's Virtual Empowerment Conference Series. This series is a 2-hour virtual empowerment

mini-conference held via Zoom on the fourth Saturday of each month starting February 27, 2021. The conference is free for participants and will incorporate a point system that rewards participates based on their monthly attendance and engagement.



# **KBF COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING EVENTS**

# 2020 Kool Boiz Foundation Fundraising Events

The KBF Day Party, Cigars and Sundresses, Holiday Party were all cancelled in 2020. Instead of these fundraising events, we relied on the generosity of our donors, sponsors, and partners to continue to fund our programs.



# 2020 SPONSORS PARTNERS AND DONORS

# **Event Sponsors and Partners**





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