

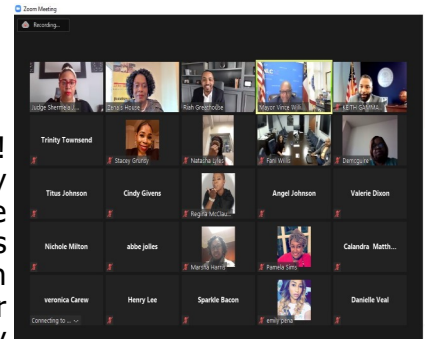
# Zena's House, Inc.

Where youth have HOPE!

Spring 2021

## The Law & YOU!

We took our 'Law & YOU' workshop virtual in 2021 and it was AMAZING! We kicked off the workshop with a warm welcome from Union City Mayor Vince Williams. Our moderators were Attorneys Riah Greathouse (Greathouse Trial Law) and Trinity Townsend (Coauthor of When the Cops Come Knockin) and our distinguished panelist were newly elected Fulton County District Attorney, Fani Willis, Judge Shermela J. Williams, Solicitor General Keith Gammage, Lt Roderick D. Pittman, Union City Police, Gary Davis, Next Level Boys Academy and Dr. RJ Verwayne, Clinical Psychologist.



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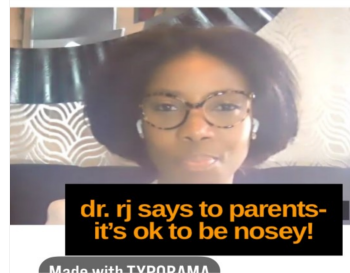
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The purpose of the workshop was to educate and inform our community, particularly our young people on the criminal justice system and especially how to protect our children from ever entering the system. Madam District Attorney for Fulton County shared some of her team's new diversion programs and approaches to handling young, first-time offenders. Moderators Mr. Greathouse and Mr. Townsend took questions from the chat box for the panel to answer. Lt. Pittman recommended that all students (ages 10-14) get ID from their local police station. Make sure to bring proof of residence.

If we can leave youth and parents with the top 5 takeaways from the presentation to remember, they are:

1. 7 deadly sins/crimes of Georgia: 1. murder, 2. rape, 3. voluntary manslaughter, 4. aggravated child molestation, 5. aggravated sexual battery, 6. aggravated sodomy, 7. armed robbery with a firearm
2. A 13-year-old can be tried as an adult if he/she commits any of the 7 deadly crimes.



3. Students should have 5 trusted adults in their circle.
4. If your child unknowingly participates in a crime, you will need to get a good lawyer to prove that he/she was unaware of the crime that was committed.
5. Don't shun public defenders (an attorney appointed to the defendant if he/she can't afford one). They can and usually work really hard for the defendant but stay engaged in the process.

A big thank you to all our speakers for taking time out to provide vital information to our youth, parents and community! To see the full 2-hour workshop go to [www.youtube.com/user/zena0485](https://www.youtube.com/user/zena0485)

REGISTER AT: [tiny.cc/lawandyou](https://tiny.cc/lawandyou)

Zena's House presents  
**THE LAW & YOU**  
Saturday, February 27  
11-1pm on Zoom  
KNOW THE LAW. KNOW YOUR RIGHTS.

Welcome by Union City Mayor Vince Williams | Fani Willis Fulton County DA | Judge Shermela J. Williams Fulton County | Keith Gammage Fulton Co. Solicitor General

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## Exciting Medical Careers (w/o a 4yr degree) Seminar

We all want options! Students want options when it comes to careers! So, we held a seminar to give students information about exciting medical careers without a 4-year college degree. Thanks to my long-time friend and Zena's House supporter, Dr. Melissa Hagan, for the idea and assistance with planning the seminar.

Our panel consisted of Pharmacy Technician, Alicia Miller; Dental Assistant, Jewel Frederick; and Emergency Medical Technician and Medical Assistant, Necole Cross. Ms. Jutia Merriweather, Health Care Careers Educator from Langston Hughes High School, served as our moderator. Each speaker discussed how they started in their chosen career, the required training and the school they attended. The students asked lots of great questions to include the pros and cons of the job, work place discrimination and standard work practices.

Students who asked questions and shared what they learned and received cash prizes. Participants stated that they enjoyed the workshop, learned new things about medical careers and overwhelmingly found it a good use of their time. Special thanks to our wonderful speakers and moderator for their taking time out to share with our young people!

Stay tuned for more career seminars to include .....wait for it..... Federal law enforcement (State Department, Diplomatic Security Service, DEA, NCIS, FBI, Homeland Security etc.), beauty and entertainment and real estate and investing. Let us know if you would like to see a seminar on a particular career field and we'll do our best to bring it to you!

This seminar and other educational workshops can be viewed on our YouTube channel: [www.youtube.com/user/zena0485](http://www.youtube.com/user/zena0485)



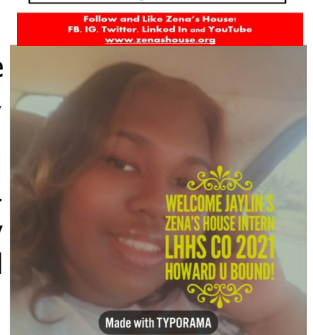
## News and Announcements

**2021 Breathe Again College Showcase Experience**-The South Fulton Arrow Youth Council in partnership with Open Word Christian Ministries, Zena's House, PATT, Henry H. Washington Foundation and a host of other local organizations sponsored a 3-day college expo which included face-to face and virtual college visits, workshop about emotional intelligence, college and career options and much more. Highschool Seniors received CARs- Community Recognition Awards in the amount of \$200!! The students had a blast and attested to the many new things they learned.

**April was our It's All love Fundraising month** - Show Zena's House some love with a donation for every child you love! **Cash app us at \$zenashouse or 706-503-2524.** If you weren't able to show love in April, you can still donate!

**Zena's House is a partner in Education with Langston Hughes High School.** We are truly excited to partner with LHHS to provide internships, volunteer opportunities, mentoring, scholarship and employment alerts and more!


**Zena's House Intern Jaylin S.** We are thrilled to have had Ms. Jaylin serve as our 6-week intern! She is a senior at Langston Hughes and will be attending Howard University in the fall majoring in media management. Jaylin assisted us with our fundraising and social media promotions. She was fantastic!



**Another way to donate! Text zenashouse to 44321**

## Sponsor Spotlight: Mrs. Shelbia King



I am thrilled once again for the opportunity to spotlight our amazing sponsors. In this issue we are spotlighting Mrs. Shelbia King. Shelbia and I are sorority sisters and met  through our local sorority chapter, Tau Epsilon Omega. Shelbia is a native Atlantan and graduated from Alabama A&M University with a Bachelor of Science degree (BS) in Computer Science. She is currently a Senior Technical Product Owner for a major supply chain company where she works on user experience software and design.

Mrs. King made her first donation to ZH in 2017 and then sponsored students to attend our college trip in 2018. Shelbia then became a monthly donor in 2019. In 2020, Shelbia increased her monthly donation amount and then blessed us with a bonus donation in that same year! **We asked Shelbia why she chose to support Zena's House.** Shelbia shared: *I believe in the creative programs that Zena's House provides for the students in this community. Having grown up in this area, I understand the importance of having extracurricular activities for teens. I believe it's the community's responsibility to supplement what schools offer to ensure we develop well-rounded students.*

**We also asked Shelbia how would you encourage others to give :** *I would encourage others to view Zena's House social media and read the testimonials from the students. It became clear to me that the programs were impactful and that the students were better for having participated. Zena's House is a great charity that supplies much needed programming for this local community. The least we can do is fund the work they are doing to ensure that Zena's House is available for future generations. I like to encourage people to provide funding, if they can't provide their time. Time or tender...both help charities thrive!* **What advice or words of encouragement would you give to young people?** Think before you act. Weigh the potential consequences of you're a ctions and decide if they're worth the potential costs to your freedom, established relationships or your future. **We salute Mrs. Shelbia King for her support of Zena's House! May you always have more than enough to be a blessing to many as you are to Zena's House!**

## Student Spotlight. Meet Ms. Davine Smith!



Davine Smith is a 20-year student from Portland, Oregon. She is currently a student at Georgia Military College finishing up her last year. Her major is Business Science. Davine was introduced to Zena's House when she was in the 10th grade through her mom who encouraged her to start looking into colleges. Zena's House hosted a college trip for middle and high school students. Davine knew she had an interest in college but no idea where to start. Zena's House provided her assistance with the application process which she says helped her in her college journey.

Davine says *"Zena's House has changed my life in more ways than one. Zenas House highlights the importance of higher education, but not only that but to help young kids to start thinking about their futures. The program provides great information and opportunities but the CEO herself, Mrs. Bernice, is a great resource. Ms. Bernice became my mentor and I have built a personal rapport with her. I am truly blessed to know Mrs. Bernice. She is one of the most selfless women I have ever known. Now at the age of 20, she continues to help me develop into a well-rounded young lady. She also provides support, resources and opportunities for my younger sister in middle school. "*

Davine encourages all students who want to continue on to higher education or starting to think about life after high school to get connected with Zena's House. She goes on to say 'take advantage of the amazing opportunities Zena's House provides. From college trips, to learning seminars and scholarships Zena's House is most definitely an organization you will want to stay connected to!' **We are so proud and thankful for Davine's kind words and the positive impact Zena's House has had on her! The best is yet to come!**

**We take Cash App! 706-503-2425 or \$zenashouse**

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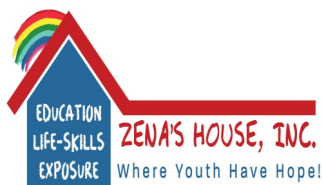
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Zena's House is a non-profit youth development organization that provides tutoring, life-skills workshops and exposure trips for middle and high school students in metro Atlanta. Our vision is to instill hope in youth through education, life-skills workshops, exposure, encouragement and love—ultimately to see youth so full of hope whereby they know and believe nothing shall be impossible to them!

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