

PRESS RELEASE

Forty Camden youth will participate in Martin Luther King, Jr. Speech Contest at UrbanPromise

UrbanPromise will host ages 9-18 in our 16th annual speech contest

Camden, NJ February 21, 2011:

On February 21, 2011 (6:30pm) at UrbanPromise Headquarters in East Camden, UrbanPromise will host the 16th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Speech Contest.

The contest will include 40 UrbanPromise youth (ages 9-18) and an expected audience of 150 people. The youth are sponsored by an UrbanPromise staff member who meets with them for several weeks helping the participants write and practice their speeches.

The speech contest has had a history of students creatively expressing their own challenges in life and how they desire to make a change in the world.

The top competitor for the 4th-8th grade category is Nyan Trieu who took 1st place in last year's competition.

Nan says, "I am extremely excited to be apart of the speech contest this year and focus on my delivery. I enjoy speaking about great leaders who have impacted culture."

Nan's sponsor Moses Okuma (an intern at UrbanPromise from Uganda) is excited about this year's competition. Moses' comments, "Nan has written a great speech this year. She draws motivation from the inspirational life of her civil rights leader."

Many of the winners of the speech contest have been asked to speak at churches, organizational groups, and different events. The speech contest has given these young people a platform for expressing their own ideas and values in changing society.

On February 21st UrbanPromise youth will once again not only be sharing about great leaders but also developing into them.

Event Details:

Tuesday, February 21st, 2011 at 6:30pm
UrbanPromise Headquarters
3700 Rudderow Avenue
Pennsauken, NJ 08110

About UrbanPromise

UrbanPromise has one clear mission, to build a city of promise, one child at a time. By equipping Camden's children and young adults with the skills necessary for academic achievement and moreover, life management, UrbanPromise has grown from a tiny summer camp program to a multifaceted institution with a reputation of solidarity and success. Among their many programs are private schools for grades k-12, after school programs, summer camps, and various other recreational and educational programs, each targeting different parts of the lives of Camden's youth. Learn more about UrbanPromise at www.urbanpromiseusa.org

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