

Dream facilitators: Reach 10-year mark

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On Friday, September 8, the I Have A Dream Las Vegas Foundation will celebrate its 10th year gala at 6:30 p.m. in the Summerlin Ballroom of the Red Rock Casino Resort & Spa at 11011 West Charleston Blvd.

IHAD-Las Vegas is an affiliate of the national I Have A Dream Foundation that was formed in 1996 to provide an enduring program of academic support and enrichment for middle school and high school students.

The mission of the program is to ensure opportunities for higher education for at-risk students from low-income communities by providing a long-term program of tutoring and mentoring and skills enrichment. Their goal is to have all of the program's students, or "dreamers" as they are called, graduate from high school as highly functioning, literate, responsible citizens.

In addition, the IHAD program prepares students for employment or helps them pursue the ultimate goal

of a college education.

IHAD is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Initially, the program started in 1996 working with Walter Bracken Elementary School students in kindergarten to third grade that lived at the Bud Weeks Plaza, a Las Vegas Housing Authority public housing project. These students were selected due to the school's low test scores in areas of academic skills, self esteem and school readiness skills.

Currently, the program serves 60 students, with many of them attending the program since the beginning of the organization. Many of them are now graduating from high school at the end of this year's school semester.

Lindsay Harper serves as the executive director, and Mona Lisa Paulo is the project coordinator.

Commenting on the success of the program, Harper said, "Right now, we have 13 of the students enrolled in the program on the AP (advance placement) honor roll. Three of our students will be attending CCSN this fall, a fourth

student will be attending UNLV, and a fifth student is enrolled at a university in Arizona. We will assist these students locally with tutoring and the purchase of textbooks to make their transition from high school to college successful and monitor their progress along the way."

The event will honor the 2006 Award Recipients who have helped the organization. (See IHAD, Page 13)



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Take A Dreamer to Work Day, April 2006, was held at the corporate offices of MGM Mirage. Members of the Dream Huddle, along with mentors from MGM Grand hotel-casino, met at Landry's restaurant to meet with the girls and hear about their experience.

Jackson



Veteran U.S. civil rights leader Rev. Jesse Jackson, right, walks past an anti-U.S. banner placed among the rubble of a building that was destroyed following Israeli bombardment during the 34-day long Hezbollah-Israeli war, in the southern suburb of Beirut, Lebanon, on Tuesday.

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negotiations or a prisoner swap to secure the men's release.

Jackson is leading a 10-member ecumenical delegation on a visit to the region to meet with political and religious leaders.

He has had success several times in the past in negotiating the release of political hostages.

In 1984, he met with President Hafez Assad of Syria and arranged the release of a Navy pilot whose plane was shot down over Lebanon during an American airstrike against a Syrian anti-aircraft position a month earlier. Also that year, Jackson traveled to Cuba and persuaded Fidel Castro to release 48 American and Cuban political prisoners.

In 1990, he helped win the release from Iraq of more than 700 foreign women and children detained as human shields against an American military attack after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. He also persuaded Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic in 1999 to free three Americans he was holding prisoner.

Choose and Move Festival

Saturday, September 9, 2006
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Doolittle Community Center and Park
1950 N. J Street, Las Vegas, Nevada

Come out for a day of action and fun!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Outside Doolittle Park	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Frisbee Golf		Jump House
Horseshoes		
Bocce Ball		9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Climbing Wall		Open Soccer Game
Pool: Noon to 3 p.m.		
Open Swim		
Aerobics Room		
9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.	-----	Tai Chi
10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	-----	African Dance
10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.	-----	Double Dutch Jumprope
11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	-----	Hip Hop Class
11:30 a.m. to Noon	-----	Yoga
Noon to 12:30 p.m.	-----	Martial Arts
12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m.	-----	100% Natural Pilates (Jacnee)
1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.	-----	Line Dancing
1:30 p.m. - 2 p.m.	-----	Belly Dancing
2 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	-----	La Vista's Aerobics
Gym		
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	-----	Labyrinth Relaxation Walk
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	-----	3-on-3 Basketball Tournament
1 p.m. to 2 p.m.	-----	Basketball Challenge: Metropolitan Police Dept. vs. City of Las Vegas Firefighters (half-time entertainment: Jam Squad)
2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	-----	Hip Hop Performance by Street Litez
Multipurpose Room		
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	-----	Double Dutch Jumprope Competition
Dining Room		
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	-----	Complimentary healthy lunch catered by Whole Foods Market

Blood pressure and glucose screenings from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. by Pima Medical Institute (please come fasting after midnight the night before for accurate blood glucose screening).

Registration forms available at the Doolittle Community Center.

An EEO/AA Institution. Persons in need of special assistance must call or notify The Health Hearts Project at (702) 940-5423 at least three days prior to the above scheduled events.














