

Our Programs

Who We Are...

The Higgy Foundation has a well-established reputation for delivering powerful programs that connect with youth. Established in 1996 our non-profit organization has targeted youth from disadvantaged economic and social circumstances and has sought to reach those youth whom other agencies have not been able to serve.

Governed by a diverse volunteer board of directors, the Foundation is charged to provide programs that

- * Build Character
- * Develop Leadership
- * Promote Academic Excellence
- * Teach Healthy Life Choices
- * Encourage Civic Involvement

In addition to creating the Foundation, James Higgins serves as its Program Director. Mr. Higgins, who also founded the Fillmore Family Coalition brings extensive faith-based experience in the areas of both Adult and Youth Ministries in various capacities with the Catholic Church. Mr. Higgins has developed many of the Foundation's programs, including:

CLUB SUCCESS . . .

Club Success was developed to promote academic achievement among youth by uniting families, the school and the community together to help youth succeed in school.

Club Success is a daylong retreat for 30-35 middle school and high school-aged students. During the retreat, students take part in a variety of activities designed to build self-esteem, examine life choices and have a good time. Why is Club Success Needed?

Students at these levels may feel inadequate and unimportant. They are not always successful in school and in their social relationships for a variety of reasons. They may not see the need for academic achievement.

- * Club Success enables students to see themselves as capable and vital to the school community.

In many cases, students feel alienated from parents and teachers. They may not be prepared for the mature and responsible behavior that parents and teachers expect.

- * Club Success provides opportunities for students to reconnect with family and teachers in a positive way. Students of this age tend to form inappropriate peer relationships which may lead them to make bad choices.

- * Club Success focuses on positive life choices and how peers can support one another.

YOUNG WOMEN OF DESTINY . . .

This nine-month program for 8th to 10th grade girls provides an opportunity for young ladies to participate in a variety of learning modules, including:

- * Knowing Who I Am
- * Seeing My Destiny
- * Personal Wellness
- * Abstinence Until Marriage
- * Higher Education Achievement
- * Looking Great
- * Leadership in the Community

YOUNG MEN OF DESTINY . . .

This nine-month program for 8th to 10th grade boys provides the opportunity for young men to participate in a variety of learning modules, including:

- * Getting to Know Yourself
- * Being Responsible
- * Personal Wellness
- * Fatherhood and Family
- * Higher Education Achievement
- * Cooperation and Conflict Resolution
- * Job Skills Training
- * Yes, You Can Succeed
- * Seeing Your Leadership Skills
- * Making a Difference in My Community

FAMILIES OF DESTINY . . .

This one-day conference for the whole family provides the opportunity where families can learn:

- * The Strength of the Family
- * The Art of Good Communication
- * The Act and Power of Forgiveness
- * How to Affirm the Gifts of Each Family Member
- * Developing a Family Night
- * Setting Family Dreams and Goals

Four subsequent meetings to strengthen and enable families to set their plans and activities in motion and to achieve success follow the retreat.