



Hand in Hand... We Shine!

What a beautiful evening our Friend & Fund Raiser was! More than 600 men and women from across the city united for a special gala celebrating all that is happening and will happen in the lives of our students. [Dr. Vernard Gant](#) powerfully shared his knowledge of the crisis in education for lower-income students. M.C. Keshawn Barnhill brought everything to life as he stood before the crowd and told how Brookstone has made a difference in his life.

[Photos are on our website](#) with more to come soon!



Kindergarten student Zyone is ready to sing at his first Friend & Fund Raiser!

Student Spotlight: Adayn's Story of Courage

Have you ever had stage fright? Dry mouth, tightening of the chest, increased heart rate... It's real for adults, and it's also scary for children.

Adayn, 6th grade student, has total confidence as he talks with his classmates, teachers, and his lunch buddy. But when chosen for the role of Carter Woodson, the man who founded Black History Month in 1915, Adayn's anxiety increased at the thought of speaking in front of the crowd.



He confessed to his teacher, "I can't do it. I've got stage fright."

Mrs. Parker compassionately listened to his fears, and challenged him, saying "You CAN do this, Adayn. If you face this fear now, you'll see that you can do it!"

Adayn took time before giving his final answer. "I'll do it," he said with a great big smile.

He practiced his lines at home, imagining himself standing before the crowd. And in the process, he realized that his performance was *not* about him - it was about the life of an incredible man whose calling and dedication led to the national celebration of Black History Month.

Adayn learned a valuable lesson: true calling through the power of God is greater than any fears we may face.

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord

your God is with you wherever you go. - Joshua 1:9

Join us for the United Hope Rally

Join the Brookstone Family on **Friday, March 24 for a Youth Live! United Hope Rally**. What a beautiful sight it will be to see men, women, and students of all backgrounds uniting in fellowship, praise and prayer for our city's youth. **Dinner will be served at 5:30pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Don't miss this inspirational evening of United Hope!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Staff Appreciation Week: A chance to show our staff some love and care! Opportunities include lunch for staff (May 1 - May 5), gift card donations, creating a gift basket for a staff member, flowers for teachers, etc.!

Math Helper: Need an experienced helper on Mondays and Thursdays (10:30am-12:00pm).

Organize Box Tops: A way to help Brookstone on your own schedule! Help us organize a large donation of box tops, Coke bottle caps, Campbell labels, etc.

Testing Proctors: 8:00am-12pm; May 24-25. We need 10-15 "proctors" to sit and observe students and teachers during standardized testing.

Breakfast for School: 8:00am, May 24-25. To ensure all students have breakfast on testing days, we need help providing breakfast (such as Chick-fil-a biscuits, orange juice, waters, fruit) for our 150+ students.

Email [Casey George](#) if you're able to serve in any of these areas!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| March 10 | Brookstone Voices Choir Performance and CHAMPS; 11:45am in Chapel |
| March 24 | United Hope Rally; 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall |
| March 31 | Teacher Work Day (NO STUDENTS) |
| April 3 | Partner Day (NO LUNCH BUDDIES) |
| April 4 | Lunch and Learn at 11am (MUST REGISTER HERE) |

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