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Steve Pulliam surveys the work of a fellow Southside Rides worker.

Foundation providing even more opportunities

Popular auto-body repair program continues summer program

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Twenty two year-old Chris Williams says he never would have imagined that he'd be happily spending his summer in an auto body shop, but that is exactly what the Wilmington native plans to do this year.

Williams, one of four children, was taken from his home and placed in foster care at the age of seven. He would live with four different families by the time he was 20. From the upheaval that was his childhood, Williams says it wasn't much of a leap to the dangerous gang he began running with in his hometown. The gang led him into a life of crime, which landed him in the federal penitentiary. By the time he was released, Williams says he was ready for a change in his life. He came to Winston-Salem to live with his biological mother in January, and soon after was introduced to David Moore, founder of Southside Rides Foundation.

Moore, who is also an exoffender, has dedicated his life to "cleaning up the streets" as he puts it, by encouraging young men like Williams to give up the street life to make an honest living by learning the auto body trade.

"He just wants to see me be successful in life and show me a better way besides selling drugs and hanging around the wrong crowd," Williams said. "I would've never thought I'd be doing this until he gave me that opportunity."

Williams is one of 11 young men who will be learning the basics of auto body work this summer as part of a six-week program Moore is offering to the community beginning July 11. The members of the program have completed the book work Moore requires and will spend much of July and August in the shop, perfecting their hands-on skills. Many of them will be painting their own cars or bicycles as part of the program.

Williams, who came to Southside Rides about a month ago, is spending six days a week at the shop, working to catch up on his studies for the program and pitching in on a few jobs. The experience is already making an impression on him.

"I just feel like I have something to live for now. I don't have to be on nobody's corner," he declared. "It was fun while it lasted, but then I didn't have nothing to show for it. Now, I'm a working man and I have something to live for. I can take care of my family instead of my family taking care of me."

Participants in the summer program will get a foundation in the trade, and in life, Moore says. He is known for his ability to reach the young men in a way that the program alone could not. He says he often relies on his old contacts from the drug game and even known gang members to help him recruit young men who could benefit from his guidance.

"Because I've been there and I've done that, they respect what I'm trying to do," he said.

South Boston, Virginia-native Steve Pulliam credits Moore with helping him to



Chris Williams says Southside Rides has helped him change his life for the better.



Founder David Moore with musicians Chris Washington (left) and Haywood Thomas.

keep moving in a positive direction.

"The things that he is doing for the summer program and this class is wonderful, because if you really sit and look at it, no one is really giving anybody a second chance to get their life together except Mr. Moore," said Pulliam, a father of four who began selling drugs at the tender age of 10. "I thank him everyday for the opportunity he's given me to be a part of Southside Rides and for keeping me on the right path."

Gladiator Music founders Haywood Thomas and Chris Washington will be honing their skills at Southside for the second time during the summer program. The two, both products of the Happy Hill community and childhood friends, completed the first portion two years ago when they came home from prison. In addition to the guidance they will receive through the summer program, Thomas and Washington say Moore is helping them to get on their feet as entrepreneurs, by providing the financial backing they need to film their first music video, "I'm From." Thomas says their music, which consists of both R&B and rap tunes, urges youngsters in the community

not to make the same mistakes they made.

"It's going to be positive living, positive talk," he stated. "It may sound street or hood, but it's a message in everything we do."

"Instead of selling drugs, we're selling words now," Washington added.

Both Washington and Thomas say Moore has been an indispensable component in their successful transitions from the streets to the business world.

"He's that fatherly role model that we didn't have growing up; he's that positive motivation that all hood guys like ourselves need to push us," commented Washington, a father of six. "That's really all we need: that positive motivation, that foot in the door."

For more information about the Southside Rides Foundation visit www.southsideridesfoundation.org or call 995-2809.

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StoryLine facilitators sought

The ECHO Network is seeking facilitators for its popular StoryLine program. The volunteers will be trained to guide story pairs in a recorded discussion on the StoryLine bus, a mobile recording studio.

StoryLine is a project that collects, edits, and shares the stories from our community. Conversations on the bus are usually between two people and take about an hour to record. The experience is free and all participants are given a CD of their recording once the session is complete.

"It is so important to capture history that could otherwise be lost and this is such a fun way to do that," said Natasha Gore, executive director of the ECHO Network. "The facilitator's job is to make the recording process easy so that someone will come out of the session with a priceless conversation that they'll listen to for years to come."

Information sessions will be held Aug. 11, 13, and 16. Those interested should email info@echonetwerk.org for additional details.

StoryLine is a program of the ECHO Network, a non-profit dedicated to helping residents build trusting relationships, especially across lines of difference. To learn more visit www.echonetwerk.org. To hear some of the stories collected since 2009, visit www.storylineproject.org.

Hagan co-sponsors Kappa resolution
U.S. Senator Kay R. Hagan (NC) is a cosponsor of a recent Senate resolution congratulating the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. on

100 years of service. It passed the Senate unanimously last week.

Kappa Alpha Psi's more than 340 alumni chapters and more than 360 undergraduate chapters span the 50 states, including 25 across North Carolina. More than 150,000 college-educated men are members of the fraternity.

"I want to congratulate and thank Kappa Alpha Psi for 100 years of outstanding service

to communities in North Carolina, across the country, and around the globe," Hagan said. "The Fraternity is committed to enriching the lives of collegiate men. For a century, Kappa Alpha Psi has instilled high ideals in African-American youth, stressing the importance of community service. One of the fraternity's many service initiatives is financial literacy. As the sponsor of the Financial Literacy for Students Act, I stand in strong support of this mission."

Kappa Alpha Psi was founded on January 5, 1911, at Indiana University in Bloomington.

Burke Street Strolls start

The "Burke Street Stroll" series kicked off on Saturday, July 2 in the Historic West End area of downtown Winston-Salem.

The series highlights the many new unique and special retailers, restaurants and shops along Burke Street. It will continue every Saturday afternoon for the month of July.

This event is being organized by the more than dozen new merchants along Burke and is free and open to the public.

"All the merchants involved decided to create the Burke Street Stroll to re-

introduce the diverse and vibrant area known as the West End and to highlight our unique and complementary venues," says Thais Black, manager of Barnhills Books and Wine.

Patrons will find a diverse offering of goods and services, including antiques, eco-friendly home decor and accessories, unique finds, Southern cuisine, chocolate, art, books, wine, gifts, pizza, billiards, pubs, restaurants, acupuncturists, hair salons and more.

Participants will be given a special card that they can bring with them to the different store fronts. Once they have collected a certain number of stamps from each shop, they will be eligible to win some fun prizes. Free parking is available. For more information, visit "Burke St. and Beyond" on Facebook.

Dolgopolov playing in W-S Open

Alexandr Dolgopolov will compete in the inaugural Winston-Salem Open at Wake Forest University. He joins Americans Mardy Fish, John Isner, Sam Querrey and Ryan Harrison in the 48-player field.

Dolgopolov, 22, is known for his unorthodox, unpredictable style and a rapid-fire serve. The 5-11, 157-pounder from Kiev, Ukraine is currently ranked No. 24 in the South African Airways ATP rankings, after being as high as No. 20 earlier in the year.

Dolgopolov's best showing in a Grand Slam tournament came at the Australian Open in January, when he defeated Jo-Wilfried Tsonga and Robin Soderling before losing to Andy Murray in the quarterfinals. He also beat Tsonga and advanced to the fourth round in Miami before losing to Rafael Nadal. In doubles, he teamed with Xavier Malisse to win the title at Indian Wells earlier this year.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please go to www.winstonsalemopen.com.

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