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Marva Reid treats local children to a day at the water park

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For more than 15 years Marva Reid, long-time president of the East Northeast Neighborhood Association, pushed for a swimming pool to be built in the East Winston Community and her continued push played a major role in the construction of Winston Waterworks Aquatic Park in 2018, so much so, that there's a marker honoring Reid inside the water park. Reid said she continued the push for a swimming pool for so long because she wanted to introduce youth in the community to water and to swimming, and last week she made it possible for 20 kids to enjoy a day at the water park free of charge.

Reid said she fell in love with swimming at a young age and she wanted the kids from her neighborhood to have the same opportunity.

"When I was growing up there were pools throughout this community, but they were closed. That's why we fought so hard and now that it's here, we want to make sure children from this community have a chance to enjoy the park and get familiar with the water and water safety," Reid said.

In addition to the pool, children also got to enjoy the spray ground and waterslides. The water park also has a lazy river and a concession stand.

Winston Waterworks Park is located off New Walkertown Road at the corner of Waterworks and Winston Lake Roads. For information and hours of operation visit <https://www.cityofws.org/Facilities/Facility/Details/Winston-Waterworks-116>.



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Liberation Education, Part 2: Empowering students and creating a space where they feel safe to be themselves

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Since 1964 the Children's Defense Fund Freedom Schools' summer program has helped curb summer learning loss for students in cities and towns across the country. While much has remained the same with the

overall purpose and theme of Freedom Schools, at a time where the lack of African American history courses and Critical Race Theory dominate talks on education, now more than ever Freedom Schools are being used as a platform to empower Black students in a way that may be missing in the normal classroom setting, a term organizers at the Lit City Freedom School here in Winston-Salem have coined as "liberation education."

Terrance Hawkins, founder of Lit City, a local nonprofit geared toward uplifting the lives of Black and brown youth in the city, said his journey to hosting a Freedom School began in 2011, but he wasn't able to get the funding until 2020. Lit City officially launched earlier this summer at Zion Memorial Baptist Church



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Students from Lit City Freedom School during a recent rally held for National Day of Social Action.

for students in middle and high school.

Like other Freedom Schools, Lit City Freedom School is a six-week, liter-

acy-rich intensive program that helps build strong, literate children. The schedule is basically the same for most programs: after

breakfast each day, students participate in a Kinyan tradition called "harambee," which means "all pull together" in Swahili.

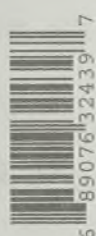
During harambee, students sing songs and say different motivational chants and meditation. Students also get a chance to meet different people from the community who volunteer to read.

After harambee, students go to different classes based on their grade level where they spend most of the day, before coming back together for lunch and other activities in the afternoon. Students also have the opportunity to go on field trips and receive a stipend every week.

What sets Lit City Freedom School apart from other summer programs is the emphasis the coordinators and instructors put on empowering students and creating a space where they feel safe

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