

## NEWSLETTER

# WELCOME TO OUR FIRST QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER, AND A LOOK BACK AT A.F.I.Y.U'S JOURNEY



#### Who we are:

A.F.I.Y.U. Enterprise is a non profit organization created in April 2021 and was born out of a deep desire to be a part of the solution to the issues surrounding young black boys in our communities. We are in a society where boys face many unique challenges and at AFIYU our aim is to teach them values from an early age that will produce in them self love, respect and understanding of others. This along with essential skills will enable them to do great things for themselves and also make a substantial impact in their community.

### **TOP NEWS 2021 - 2022**

#### **AFIYU ENTERPRISE LAUNCH**

WE HAD OUR SOFT LAUNCH IN OCT 2021 WITH A FANTASTIC VIRTUAL EVENT FEATURING MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT AND INTRODUCTION OF THE AFIYU TEAM!

#### **OUR MENTORSHIP PROGRAM**





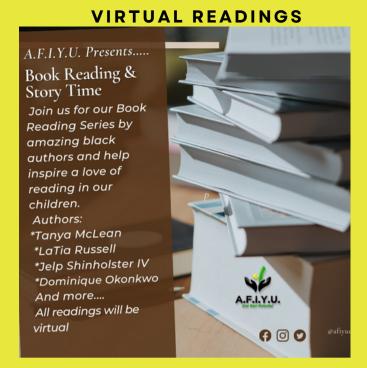
WE LAUNCHED OUR MENTORSHIP
PROGRAM WITH A YOUTH
MENTORSHIP SYMPOSIUM. IT WAS
AN AMAZING EVENT WITH THE
PARTICIPATION OF OUTSTANDING
MEN IN THE COMMUNITY WHO
SHARED WITH YOUTH WHO WERE IN
ATTENDANCE ABOUT THEIR
INSPIRING LIFE'S JOURNEY. !!!

Our virtual read along was a blast during the pandemic. We had authors from the US and Canada reading their books to the kids.

#### YOUTH WRITING CONTEST



A.F.I.Y.U Launched it's first movie in the park in August 2022! We are still introducing the neighborhood to our events even so, The kids had loads of fun, and experienced community building activities before the start of the film. Our annual event is now entering its' third successful year.



This is our 3rd annual youth writers and poet contest. It is another way we encourage and showcase the talent of young and gifted kids.

contact us for more info



#### OUR FUNDRAISERS



WE WILL BE HAVING OUR 2ND GOLF FUNDRAISER COMING UP ON FEBRUARY 24, 2024!! GET YOUR TICKETS NOW! BRING YOUR FOURSOME, HAVE FUN AND SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE! ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS OUR YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS.

TICKETS ON SALE ON EVENTBRITE.



GOLF ON THE GREEN 2022!

Our first official annual clothing drive went off without a hitch!!! We had an outpouring of donations which helped us raise funds for our kids programs. We held our second one in June 2023 ......

The next clothing is scheduled to be held in June of 2024

contact us for details.



#### PROGRAMS



AFIYU offered a Storytelling Workshop series in the month of November 2023 at the Pickering library with author and journalist Kabrena Robinson.

Ages 6-8, 9-12 and 13-16 learned how to craft original stories based on their life stages and experience.

This workshop was a way to encourage our youth to find their voices and tell their own story in a fundamental way of shifting the narrative and ensuring that they see a future where they are positively represented and their stories highlighted.

AFIYU Soccer program launched in July 2022 with a 4 week soccer clinic! From there it grew into a 15 - week summer training program, and has now extended into the Fall and Winter seasons with training and house league. Much thanks to DRSL Director Stephen Miller who has been integral in making this program a success!

The next session is scheduled to start this Summer.





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