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JOSIAHKIDS GOES DIGITAL AND GLOBAL THIS FALL

Forward! Every Challenge Yields An Opportunity!

ATLANTA, July 21, 2020 – As we approach the beginning of a new school year, the context of the social problem JosiahKids was born to solve is squarely at centerstage. It has been a year filled with loss, heartbreak, outrage, hostile campaigns, and many difficult headlines—all this as our nation mourns the deaths of more than 140,000 Americans from COVID-19. As we struggle to make sense of our world and how to heal what ails us, it is difficult to imagine how confusing and destabilizing all this must feel to our children. This is why our charge for the organization this season is simply, *FORWARD!*

Our communities need strong leadership. And JosiahKids is in the leadership-making business. We cannot afford to pull out of the race. Our children need us! They need us to stand with them, to fight for them, and to help them chart a clear path forward. We all know that strong children build strong families, and strong families build strong communities. This simply means, no adult can afford to be passive about equipping young people. We can all do something.

JosiahKids is taking a decisive stand to continue in our mission of educating, empowering, and equipping young students and teens in our local communities in the areas of faith, leadership, community service, and the arts. Yet, with careful consideration of the guidelines provided by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), prayer for wisdom, guidance from our board of directors and staff, JosiahKids has made the call to go digital this fall. This means that from September 2020 – May 2021, JosiahKids will be livestreaming all of our Bible classes, guest speaker events, panel discussions, and educational workshops—online. Our onsite basketball and soccer programs have been cancelled, but students will still hear regularly from our coaches with skills, drills, and workout activities that they can continue to work on remotely. It is important to us that our families, students, volunteers, and staff remain healthy and safe.

All young people need a place—a place where trusted adults remove impediments that would otherwise hinder them from dreaming their best dreams and reaching their highest potential. As we go digital, the opportunity to offer our program on a global platform has become possible. Young students and teens from any city in the world will now be able to enroll in our program, at whatever price their parents can afford. Students will be able to hear from professional guest speakers, participate in a *Grief Recovery Session*, and share in a *Law Enforcement Youth Engagement Panel*—to help foster trust between our young people and law enforcement. The enrollment window closes on August 22nd, 2020.

On September 5th, JosiahKids Incorporated will commence with a required online orientation for all of our returning and new students. Our very first class: ***Awakening Passion In A World of Apathy***—is scheduled for September 19th. We will follow the schedule as outlined on our website, meeting two Saturdays a month. Some segments will be pre-recorded learning, but majority of our speaker events will be a real-time livestream to allow students to ask questions and to engage our speakers. As our team works diligently to prepare the studio space for filming, getting our livestream platforms ready, and issuing acceptance letters—we will be sure to keep all of our stakeholders updated with more details on how we will handle our Annual Award Ceremony (The Buford Harvest) this coming November.

How may you help us? Share this press release with friends and family. Become an attentive youth advocate. Send us good tips. Look out for the well-being of the young people in your immediate family and community. Donate computers and video recording equipment. Volunteer your technical skills. Make a donation. Enroll a student and pray for us.

Our Vision

To raise a community of virtuous, service-minded leaders, committed to reinvest their acquired success into their communities and spheres of influence.

Our Promise

That we will journey with your child through the joys and challenges of childhood and help them transition into adulthood—happy, fulfilled, and equipped to make a meaningful life, as well as a meaningful difference.

About JosiahKids Incorporated

JosiahKids Incorporated is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to educate, empower, and equip young students and teens in the local community in the areas of faith, leadership, community service, and the arts. Our school year runs from September through May. We meet two Saturdays a month and work to empower young students ages (7-12) and teenagers ages (13-17). www.josiahkids.com

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