

FREEDOM HOUSE
MECKLENBURG INC.
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2022-2023

IMPACT REPORT

*Serving Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, and
Mecklenburg Counties of North Carolina.*

Dear Friends,

Founded in 1997, Freedom House of Mecklenburg, Inc. is a tax-exempt organization that caters to court-involved youth; we specialize in substance use prevention/intervention, workforce development, problem-gambling prevention and parent/family skill-building.

In 2022, we celebrated 25 years of providing services to the Charlotte-Metro Area! I'm incredibly proud to present this report that documents our impact over the past fiscal year. Thanks to our funders and individual contributors we were able to mitigate youth substance use, provide workforce preparedness/employment opportunities, and enhance family cohesion.

Additionally, we were 1 of 3 organizations nationally to be awarded the AGILITY Grant, the first-ever program to offer national grants in problem gambling prevention and is funded by the National Football League Foundation with additional support from FanDuel. In partnership with Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) and the North Carolina Problem Gambling Program, Freedom House will integrate problem gambling prevention lessons into the Choice Led Health curriculum taught to approximately 20,000 7th graders across 49 CMS middle schools! The program curriculum will include resources from Stacked Deck, an evidence-based problem gambling prevention program.

With your continued investment, we will continue to provide high quality programming as we nudge our participants and ourselves towards self-actualization.

It will take us all. Are you with us?



A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. Derrick Harris".

Executive Director

Freedom House of Mecklenburg, Inc.

Our Mission is to improve the quality of life for families by creating an atmosphere where renewal happens. We encourage, uplift and guide the participants in our programs in the pursuit of spiritual, physical, intellectual, economic, emotional, and social growth.



**FREEDOM HOUSE
SERVED OVER
250 CLIENTS
FY '22-23**

PROGRAMS



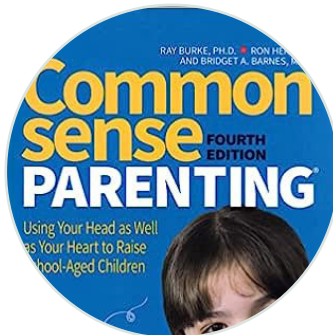
PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES IN RECOVERY FOR TEENS (P.O.R.T.)

Provides substance use assessment, evaluation, urinalysis, counseling, and case management.



DISTRICT 27 TRADE PROJECT

Provides an integrated mix of services to build the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to be a productive workforce member.



COMMON SENSE PARENTING

Partners with parents to teach parenting skills/techniques in a nonjudgmental environment.



PROBLEM GAMBLING PREVENTION

Stacked Deck is an effective program to prevent and reduce the risk of problem-gambling among teens.



PARTICIPANT SPOTLIGHT

When Julien initially entered our workforce development services, he was an incredibly shy 18yr old young man who yearned for meaningful employment in order to become self-sufficient. Unfortunately, Julien's challenging home environment and lack of transportation posed significant barriers to these desires.

While in our workforce development services Julien learned the fundamentals of the electrical, carpentry, & plumbing trades and was able to earn the coveted OSHA-10 Certification in Construction through our partnership with Gaston Community College. Additionally, Julien participated in Career Exploration Opportunities, received instruction in Social Emotional Learning, and was able to enhance his Soft & Independent Living Skills. Julien has not only been a recipient of our services; he was also afforded an opportunity to be a benefactor when he participated in a Freedom House Community Build Project where he assisted a journeyman carpenter in the construction of a handicap accessible ramp at the home of double amputee senior citizen.

Shortly after graduating high school in early 2023, Julien was linked to a local cabinet manufacturing business by our Staffing Professional, Mr. Jeff Wilson and began to earn a living wage of \$15/hr. Julien was provided transportation assistance to and from work and has received on-going Career and Life Coaching.

COMMUNITY BUILD PROJECT

PARTICIPANT SPOTLIGHT

BEFORE

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AFTER

Since being in our services Julien is more confident and is well on the road to self-sufficiency; to date he has saved close to \$7,000, passed the written test to obtain his driver's license, and is actively searching for his own residence.



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