



The You-Turn

Youth of Honor & Youth of Honor Foundation

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The Journey Begins... Today!

After years of reading the paper and listening to the news, it quickly became apparent that the youth in the world today are confronted with many challenges and life choices that were not seen in years past. Drugs are finding their way into our schools then into the pockets of our kids at an alarming rate. Guns and violence are on every street corner and even finding their ways into the classrooms. The family and community structures of today are being shattered with the stresses and challenges of society.

With millions of youth

currently being cycled through our court systems and into detention centers, the Youth of Honor Foundation was created to serve as the world-wide leader in troubled youth enrichment.

We need to also remember that there are many youth in our community that are just one mistake away from landing in a juvenile detention center. As a community of leaders we must reach out and educate these kids so their lives remain productive without days, weeks and years of their lives wasted incarcerated.

The publishing of this inaugural issue of You-Turn is a

historic event, along with the articles it contains, as the Youth of Honor team has a Visionary Plan in place that will positively change the lives of youth world-wide as the challenges on our streets are the same challenges facing youth in other countries. The shadows of life's darker side continue to attract and steal our youth's innocence. As a society we must unite to bring hope to our kids and support their education and dreams as their dreams make up the future for all of our neighborhoods.

Join us and hold on tight as we are 'Raising the bar on a better tomorrow... One child at a time'.

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You-Turn Quote

- When you feel like you are at the end of the road. Just add the letter 'b' and remember that you can merely make it a 'bend' in the road.

The Carl Brashear Memorial Fund

From humble beginnings as the son of sharecroppers in Kentucky, Carl Brashear rose to be the first African-American Navy Master Diver and he is the only black man to ever hold the position of Master Diver of the United States Navy (a position he held from 1975 - 1977).

His personal story of success has inspired many to set goals and make the per-

sonal dedication and sacrifices required to attain them. Carl believed in his dream and made it happen.

The Youth of Honor Foundation in partnership with the Carl Brashear estate, believe in dreams, especially those of our youth who will be our next generation of leaders. Funds collected through the Youth of Honor - Carl Brashear Memorial will go to assist disabled youth

either through education and/or the equipment or prosthetics needed to facilitate their life's journey to success.

To learn more on how you can support and inspire those challenged in life, visit the Youth of Honor website.

Plans are already underway for the 1st Annual Carl Brashear Memorial Golf Tournament so stay tuned for more information.



Carl Maxie Brashear

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Back to the Beginning: A Trip to Elizabethtown, KY

The YOH founder, Ron Brashear, along with Executive Director, Tom Grason, kicked-off a three speaking tour and book signing event in Elizabethtown, Kentucky on October 27th-29th of 2006. This was a homecoming for Mr. Brashear as this is where he grew up on the streets of Elizabethtown as troubled youth.

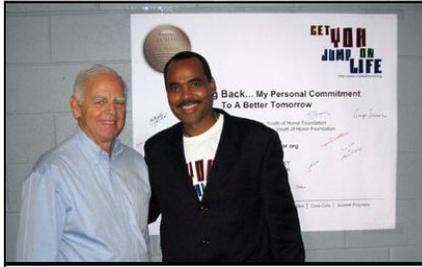
The trip was very emotional and packed with inspirational impacts, which was evidenced by the turn out and feedback received during this trip.



Tom Grason and Ron Brashear, Youth of Honor Foundation, visit the Lincoln Village Youth Detention Center

DAY ONE - Ron & Tom, along with Ron's Mother, a pair of Ron's brothers, and the retired Juvenile Judge, "Babe" Thomas, were on hand as Ron delivered a very testimonial message to the 94 juveniles that were held in custody at the same center where Ron was once held as a juvenile. The YOH foundation provided all of the youth there with a complimentary copy of "Bouncing Back...Living Life the right way", authored by Mr. Brashear himself. Ron personally autographed the books to each of the youth with the words "HAVE THE COURAGE TO CHANGE." After the speech concluded, several youth lined up to personally meet and speak with Mr. Brashear and let him know how much it meant to them by having him come to the facility and share his story in an effort to inspire them to GROW through it instead of just GO through it! Over a dozen youth came forward to talk personally with Ron and Tom regarding their desire to change their

ways once they exit the facility and return to the community.



Mayor David Willmoth with Youth of Honor Founder, Ron Brashear

DAY TWO - Ron & Tom spoke to a crowd at the Elizabethtown Pritchard Center. The bulk of the crowd, on this day, were adults and parents. Tom shared the history and vision of the YOH foundation and Ron spoke to the audience about the importance of the role that the parents and adults play in supporting our youth that feel, at times, like they can't move forward. The theme was titled, "Today's Youth - A Paralyzed Generation". The YOH team raffled off copies of the book "Bouncing Back" as well as some GET YOH JUMP ON LIFE T-shirts. Ron challenged the youth and adults in the crowd to make a personal commitment to a better tomorrow by signing the YOH Banner. There was tremendous response to the request, including the Mayor of Elizabethtown, Mayor David Willmoth, Sr. signing the banner as well. This was a very uplifting and in-

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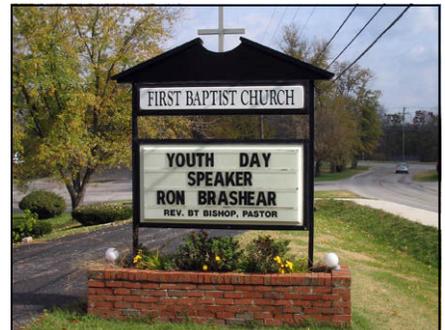
- Carl Brashear

spiring event.

DAY THREE - Ron Brashear was the guest speaker for Youth Day at the First Baptist Church (FBC) of Elizabethtown. Words can hardly express what transpired on this occasion. After sitting through a phenomenal performance by the Youth of FBC, Mr. Brashear was introduced and called to

the podium. The Church was packed to its 300+ capacity and the youth, as well as adults, were treated to an ear full of a moving and emotional testimony from Ron Brashear. He delivered a theme message titled "Keeping God's Hands on the Wheel". Ron shared with the youth about how he **Captured His Monsters**, which were outlined as poor choices; didn't want to pay the price for success, looking for a quick fix and how to make a fast dollar, etc. The Church was very receptive of Ron's delivery and his message!

It was an amazing testimony that energized the capacity crowd and approximately five youth turned their life over to Christ and joined Church immediately following Mr. Brashear's speech. It was a tremendous blessing to have been on hand to witness this event!



Youth Day at First Baptist Church - Elizabethtown, KY

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Release of Bouncing Back... Living life the right way

Youth of Honor, in partnership with e-Luminated Manuscripts, is proud to announce the release of **"Bouncing Back... Living life the right way"** by H. Ron Brashear. Through the telling of his very personal and troubled youth, Mr. Brashear takes the courageous step to share all to assist others realize that it is never too late to take a personal "you turn".

Mr. Brashear's real-life success story serves as a testimony that personal triumph can be accomplished and he shares with you on how he did it so you can too. Mr. Brashear will tour Atlanta and other cities sharing his school of

hard knocks story which tells of him landing in a jail cell after his hustler-like lifestyle dead-ended, resulting in a dishonorable discharge from the U.S. military. But, as bad as those self-inflicted wounds appeared, he managed to piece his life back together and rose up the ranks to receive recognition as one of AT&T's top customer service representatives in the nation. Currently, Brashear is an Information Technology Program Management Director and, in addition, is a boxing enthusiast and columnist for

Book Review

"Excellent monograph which will make good reading for young adults with a view towards keeping them from mistakes made early in life and the consequences."

Charles A. Green PhD
President - Bermuda College
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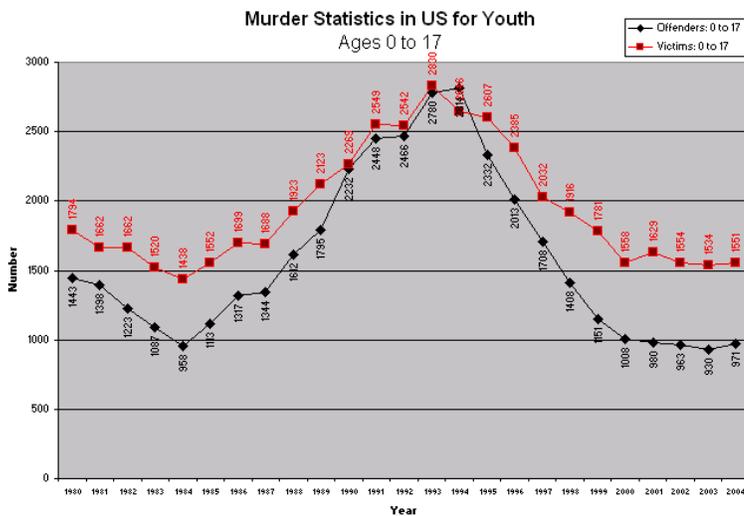
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With at least 95% of all State prisoners being released back into the community after serving time in prison, "Bouncing Back... Living life the right way" is needed as an educational tool as well as

a personal roadmap to assist these inmates in changing their ways and pursue a better path toward living life the right way.

Visit <http://www.youthofhonor.org/62.html> to purchase your copy today

Youth Statistics - It's a numbers game WE have to change



Murder leads to the end of the road and as the statistics show, even though the trend looks favorable, we are losing too many of our youth to violence.

Over the last 5 years over 4,800 youth committed murder in the United States. That is almost five thousand youth serving time over the next few years behind bars. This number does not include the 7,800 youth that were victims of murder and had their life cut short before they could make a difference.

Youth of Honor Foundation is committed to assisting our youth succeed. Take on the challenge with us and help our next generation achieve greatness in life.

their generosity. As we realize that through kind acts like this, greater good can be achieved.

If you or your company would like to provide 'in kind' donations or services to Youth of Honor Foundation, please contact us at info@youthofhonor.org



PC Donations Benefit YOH and Others

Thanks to the generous support and assistance of the BellSouth Foundation in partnership with TECH CORPS Georgia, Youth of Honor Foundation received 20 donated desktop PCs and monitors that will be used to provide support to the daily operations of the foundation as well as provide an opportunity to provide technology to some needy youth.

In an effort to look beyond its own needs, the Youth of Honor Foundation realized that technology needs existed in other foundations and donated a portion of the desktops received immediately to The DeAngelo Hall Foundation, Allen Rossum's Healthy Kids Club and Athletes Helping Youth.

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**GET YOH
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LIFE**



Chief Warrant Officer 4 and Youth of Honor Foundation Advisory Board member, Phillip Brashear with actor Chuck Norris and Marshall Teague as they visit Camp Fallujah, Iraq on November 1, 2006.

The Youth of Honor (YOH) Foundation

MISSION:

To assist troubled, delinquent and disabled youth achieve greatness in life through education and skills training.

VISION:

Become globally recognized as the leader in youth enrichment through education, caring and commitment to their long term success and personal achievement.

In order to make a difference, we need your support. As a 501(c)3 your donations are tax deductible and be assured that we will be great stewards of your funds and utilize them to make significant impacts in the lives of our youth.

Remember your donations may be matched by your company.

To Contribute visit <http://www.youthofhonor.org/60.html>

Or contact us at info@youthofhonor.org

Youth of Honor Merchandise

Now is your chance to show everyone your commitment to make a difference in our youth. Youth of Honor has now made available 'Get YOH Jump On Life' T-Shirts with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the Youth of Honor Foundation.

These high-quality, multi-colored shirts can easily be worn with jeans or slacks.

Buy one for your kid(s) so they can show the world that they are making a personal commitment for a better tomorrow for themselves, their family and community.

Spread the word and impact others!

Purchase yours today at the Youth of Honor Website
(<http://www.youthofhonor.org>)

Price: \$15/each



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We are making a personal commitment to a better tomorrow.

Upcoming Events

- **December**
 - ⇒ Holiday Stocking Drive to benefit the Children's Restoration Network
- **January**
 - ⇒ Youth Detention Center: Courage to Change Session (location TBD)



Raising the bar for a better tomorrow