

Profiles in Leadership

Jasmine's Story...

Building block to a better future



What is the opposite of adults telling kids what to do? If you ask Jasmine it's Hope Streets' Students United program. "I got involved because I saw a poster...I stayed involved because I liked the message." The message that she got was that youth can make a difference in their community. Jasmine attended her first Students United meeting over a year and a half ago. Since then she has led a campaign to get announcements changed at her school so they would be more precise and less time consuming and not interfere with class time. She also was instrumental in getting student access to grades available online. Jasmine says that her involvement in Hope Street has helped her "have a

better understanding of her place in the her community ... and to understand that she can make a change in it...instead of whining about it." Being involved in Students United has also led to the opening of many other doors in her school and community. This year Jasmine was invited to join the schools Student Council and is more involved with school. "All the teachers and principals know who I am now and I always have a project going on and new opportunities to take advantage of." Some of advantages that Jasmine has gotten from being involved in Hope Street is the chance to build new skills, make connections and to become a better leader and speaker. "I now have the ability to present my ideas, clearly and straight to the point so that others can understand my point of view" To put it simply, Jasmine says that "Hope Street and Students United are a building block to making a better future"



From the Director

The greatest testament to the power of Hope Street Youth Development is in the lives of young people that are changed everyday.

This series contains a mixture of current students and graduates of Hope Street.

We provide these stories because we know that the work of youth development is not abstract philosophy but instead personal, intensive work with real people. These are their stories.

We measure our success by the difference we make in the lives of individual students because it's the only true measure of leadership development.

I hope these stories will help you believe in the work of Hope Street as much as I do and that you will consider joining us as we make a difference by changing lives.

Aaron Fowler
Executive Director



The mission of Hope Street Youth Development is to provide opportunities for youth to build power and reach their full potential so they may think for themselves, speak for themselves and act in their community.

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