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# T.E.E.C.H

## Quarterly Newsletter

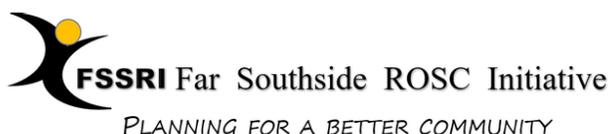


### OVERVIEW:

- MOVING INTO FY 2022
- BREAKING GROUND PARTNERSHIP
- SPECIAL THANKS
- SUCCESS @ TEECH
- T.E.E.C.H ROSC COMMUNITY

### TEECH's overall goal is to ensure we give back ...

T.E.E.C.H.'s overall goal is to ensure we give back to the communities because T.E.E.C.H. could not stay in existence without the communities.



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## MOVING INTO FY' 2022

T.E.E.C.H. endured many obstacles in FY 21 because of the COVID-19 pandemic, which disrupted services resulting in a substantial amount of overdoses. According to New York (A.P.) news, "overdose deaths soared to a record 93,000 last year during the COVID-19 pandemic, the U.S. government reported."



However, T.E.E.C.H. continued to work throughout the pandemic to serve those in addiction by placing them in detox and residential treatment through Roseland Hospital. We also continued to hold Naloxone trainings and provide medications and continued education on recovery, mental health and self-help for the participants and the community during the pandemic.

T.E.E.C.H. worked hard within the community, assisting with opening a dollar store in the Auburn Gresham area, distributing PPE, and supported the elderly all while the pandemic was at its height. Our efforts did not go unnoticed as evidence of the extended collaborations with other organizations, increasing assistance and job opportunities for our P.L.E.'s.

Although the pandemic reduced the number of people who could participate in our program because of social distancing, we still served more people than expected because of face-to-face classes. T.E.E.C.H. has opened our doors to the community which allows more assistance to those who reside in the community. Because we understood the importance of human contact for those we serve, we have continued face-to-face services while being mindful of the safety of our P.L.E.'s, staff and the community.

As our organization moved into FY 22, we saw the necessity of broadening our ability to meet a diversity of needs, so T.E.E.C.H. partnered with Brothers Health Collective to provide educational knowledge and support to the LGBTQ community and those with chronic illnesses. We have assisted in expanding Claudia and Eddie's with the opening of their third recovery home in Morgan Park, an area with a high level of substance use. Our expansion efforts extend to Hammond, Indiana. T.E.E.C.H. is always on the move, looking for opportunities to serve the community in practical ways through strategic planning and partnerships.



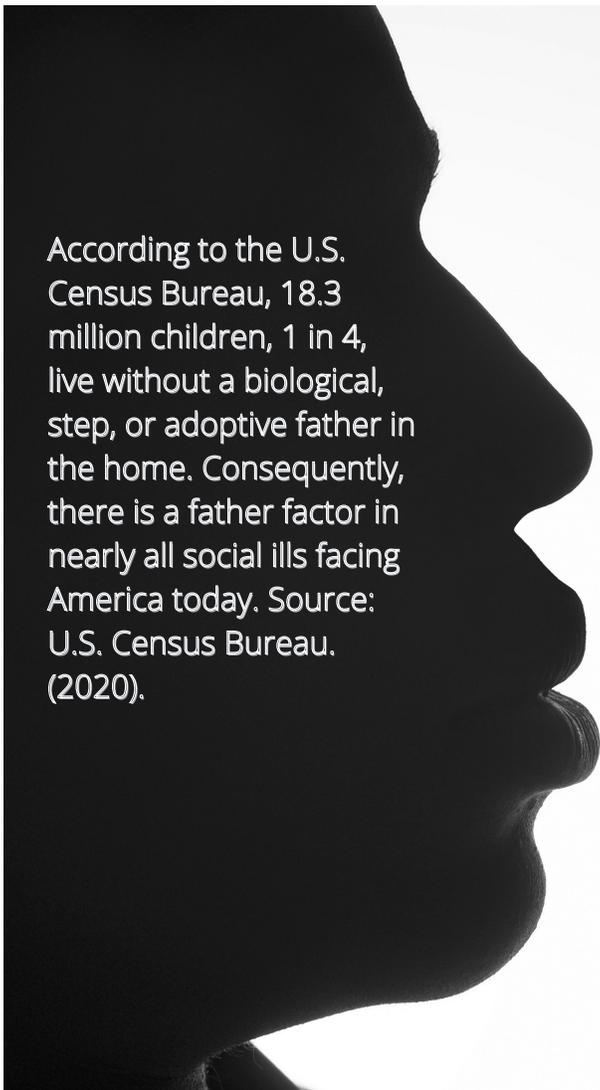
## Breaking Ground Partnership

T.E.E.C.H. is breaking new ground with our recent partnership with Reverend White of Fellowship of Love Christian Center located in Hammond Indiana. Reverend White saw the continued generational absenteeism with fathers in their children's lives. So, he began to work with fathers in correctional institutions. However, the fatherhood program was discontinued for safety

reasons because of the pandemic. He refused to stop what he saw was making a difference in the men's lives, so he chose to continue the Fatherhood Forward program with absolutely no financial assistance. The program meets fathers where they are, providing information and support as they navigate the journey of parenting. Dr. Karen White, C.E.O. of T.E.E.C.H., recognized the value of the Fatherhood Forward Program and plans to bring the program to T.E.E.C.H. because many of the participants in T.E.E.C.H. cannot go to, Indiana. Reverend White will provide this much-needed service to our participants, and we are grateful for the positive impact we believe it will have.



The Reverend and Mrs. White  
**Fatherhood Forward Program**



According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 18.3 million children, 1 in 4, live without a biological, step, or adoptive father in the home. Consequently, there is a father factor in nearly all social ills facing America today. Source: U.S. Census Bureau. (2020).

# Special Thanks!

T.E.E.C.H. thanks everyone who participated in our Healing The Community Fundraiser Raffle last month. You made a difference with your support, allowing us to continue assisting those who come to us for service and support.

## Meet the Winners!



**1st Place Winner**  
Gregory J. - 32" Flat Screen TV



**2nd Place Winner**  
Cassie R. - Sound Bar

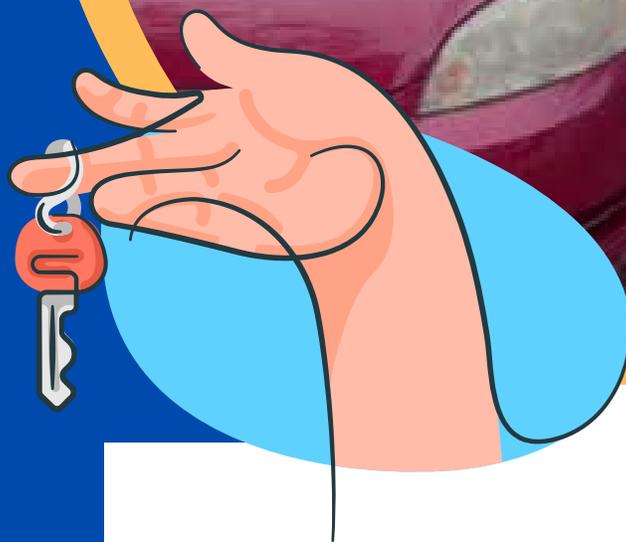


**3rd Place Winner**  
Elaine R. - \$50 Gift Card

**4th Place Winner**  
Pastor Larry - \$25 Gift Card

One of our dedicated staff won the incentive to sell the most tickets and donated it so we could have a 4th place winner.

# SUCCESS @ T.E.E.C.H



*Congratulations to Lawanda P. on her purchase of a car! Here at T.E.E.C.H, we celebrate every step forward our PLEs make on their journey towards stability and self-sufficiency.*

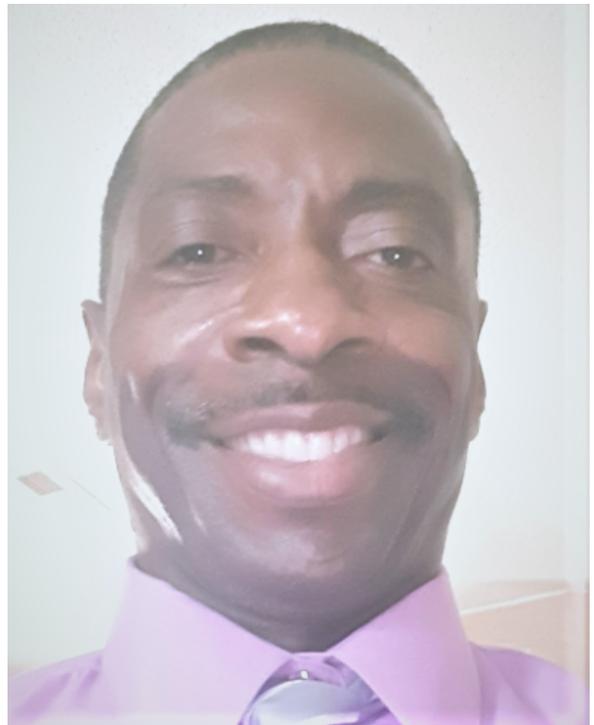
***"STOP LOOKING IN THE REAR-VIEW MIRROR AND  
START CONCENTRATING ON THE ROAD AHEAD,  
BECAUSE YOU ARE MISSING ALL THE SIGNS THAT  
LEAD YOU IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION."***

*(Author unknown)*



## **T.E.E.C.H ROSC COMMUNITY**

The entire team at T.E.E.C.H knows that we must work within the community. This is the basis of the on-going process we have adapted that allows for the continued growth of the Far Southside Council. We continue to have monthly ROSC meetings which have been going strong since the ROSC council began. In addition to our ROSC meetings, we have added a new Recovery Support meeting. TEECH Recovery Coach and ROSC Coordinator Frederick Buford knows the importance of support for those in recovery so he established an all recovery meeting held every Friday from 6:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. All are welcome to attend. For more information on the Recovery Support meeting or our monthly ROSC meetings please visit our website using the link below.



**Fredrick Buford**

T.E.E.C.H Recovery Coach

ROSC Coordinator



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