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Free haircuts offer positivity, mentorship on Barbershop Mondays

Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II is encouraging residents to take part in **Safe & Sound, Inc.’s Barbershop Mondays**, an initiative to provide **free haircuts** every Monday for youth and men, age 12 and older, at barbershops across the 15th Aldermanic District.

Today’s Barbershop Mondays session will go until 6 p.m. at Project Respect, 2730 N. 27th St.

In line with Safe & Sound’s mission of uniting residents, youth, law enforcement and community resources to build safe and empowered neighborhoods, **H.O.M.E Team (Heroes Operating In Milwaukee Everyday)** has been created as an initiative to promote neighborhood connectivity, positive youth engagement in the community, and project-based opportunities for creativity and leadership development. The **H.O.M.E Team** is conducting the Barbershop Mondays effort, Alderman Stamper said.

“The free haircuts on Barbershop Mondays are meant to facilitate mentorship, networking and communication opportunities while also boosting self-esteem,” Alderman Stamper said. “The barbershop setting is recreated as a way of imparting positive knowledge, connections and ideas on youth and men who can then carry that forward.”

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In exchange for grooming services, patrons will sweep their own hair and add their names to a contact list for **community service** projects like lawn care, snow removal for elderly, and neighborhood cleanups.

Barbershop Mondays will involve local barbers from various barbershops, men from AMANI and other neighborhoods, and will also offer mentorship opportunities, and help bridge generational gaps between young men and adults.

For more information or to see how you can be a part of **H.O.M.E Team**, please contact Damien Smith at (414) 788-8085 or Damien@safesound.org.

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