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“We Got This” work initiative starts 4th summer run Saturday

Aldewoman Milele A. Coggs is reminding the community that the “We Got This” work and mentoring initiative for boys ages 12 to 16 gets underway **this Saturday, June 16 at 8 a.m. at N. 9th St. and W. Ring.**

Aldewoman Coggs said she is confident that boys will again show up ready and eager to be a part of the project, and that generous donors will again step up and provide the cash that helps provide the positive reward for the work the boys complete.

“We Got This provides a small amount of money that each boy can earn for their work to clean up the neighborhood and to handle landscaping assignments,” Aldewoman Coggs said. “But the initiative is also a valuable mentoring and positive reinforcement vehicle for the boys, who need positive role models and experiences in their lives.”

Motivated by concern for neighborhood boys surrounded by drugs, violence and a degree of hopelessness, community mentor and leader **Andre Lee Ellis** started “We Got This” during the summer of 2014.

The We Got This work initiative was started on Saturday mornings (from 8 a.m. until noon) in the Borchert Field neighborhood whereby boys and teens could receive \$20 for landscaping and gardening work, as well as for tackling neighborhood cleaning and other small projects. Dozens of young men -- ready and willing to work -- started showing up, with numbers steadily increasing each week. Mr. Ellis put out a request on Facebook for help with donations, and people from across the community (and metro area) responded, including many who drove to the neighborhood to meet the participants and provide positive support.

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