

My Brother's Keeper

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**WE ARE
AN MBK
COMMUNITY**

Celebrating MBK's
10th Year Anniversary



MBK Village Columbus is one of the 27 certified MBK Communities, nationally.

2024 marks 10 years since the launch of the My Brother's Keeper Alliance. From the White House to the Obama Foundation, the My Brother's Keeper Alliance has worked to build supportive and safe communities for boys and young men of color and connect them with the mentors and opportunities they need to succeed.

There are now more than 100 MBK communities across the country working hard every day to make change happen. MBK Village Columbus is proud of the work that we have done over the past decade and we are excited for what's to come!

MBK leadership and Development

Highlighting the impact and achievements of our MBK Grantees, Scholars, and Champions

MBK Grantee Spotlight:

Men of Ice Middle School Leadership Program

MBK Milestone Impact - Milestone 3: Graduate from High School



COO, Sherome Hathaway

Catering to boys in grades 6 - 9, this program equips young African American males with the tools and resources to navigate life's challenges. The focus is on professional development, challenging stereotypes, and providing positive role models to inspire a future of empowerment in all facets of society.

1,024 Young Men were impacted by ICE in 2023!



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MBK Scholar Spotlight:

Where are they now?



Playon Patrick

We caught up with **Playon Patrick**, our 2020 valedictorian from The Fort Hayes Arts and Academics High School, now a senior at The Ohio State University. Playon is an award-winning poet and recognized public speaker on social justice issues. He is also the only 4-time winner of the City of Columbus and State of Ohio M.L.K. Youth Oratorical Competition. In 2020, following the death of George Floyd, he was bestowed the honor of introducing President Barack Obama during a national MBK Alliance Town Hall on Police Reform. Later in the same year he was a part of CBS Morning Show with Gayle King to highlight the achievements of James Baldwin.

Congratulations Playon for all of your success!

MBK Champion Spotlight:

Wilfried Nancy joined the Crew on Dec. 6, 2022 as the eighth full-time head coach in Crew history, following Timo Liekoski (1995-96), Tom Fitzgerald (1996-01), Greg Andrulis (2001-05), Sigi Schmid (2005-08), Robert Warzycha (2008-13), Gregg Berhalter (2013-18), and Caleb Porter (2019-22).

Nancy comes to Columbus after serving as head coach for CF Montreal during the 2021 and 2022 seasons.

Born in France, Nancy had a professional playing career that spanned 10 years. From 1995-2005, the defender represented French clubs Sporting Club Toulon, Beaucairois, Raon-l'Etape, Ivry, Noisy-le-Sec, Chateaurault and Orleans.



Congratulations to the 2023 MLS Cup Champions and Head Coach Wilfried Nancy!

#ICYMI: Event Recaps and Upcoming Opportunities

February 21-22nd Lil Durk Concert Experience

MBK selected 30 youths for a lifetime opportunity to perform with Lil Durk during his stop in Columbus as a part of the "It's All A Blur Tour" co-headlined by Drake and J. Cole!



- **April 13th - City of Columbus Youth College and Career Fair**
Slated for April 13th, this fair in partnership with the Commission on Black Girls, will provide employment opportunities and access to HBCU college admission representatives.
- **April 27th - Nonprofit Leadership Series Kickoff**
Starting April 27th, MBK and COBG will collaborate to offer 20 individuals a chance to become more efficient nonprofit leaders.



MBK x Above & beyond



Above & beyond is a Columbus-based youth/school violence-prevention project led by trained Adult allies. Above & Beyond provides local youth with the protective-factor, emotional-regulation, and life skills they need to positively cope with the kind of stress and trauma that can put them at risk for being a victim or perpetrator of violence. These skills will allow them to focus on living and thriving, rather than merely surviving community violence. MBK is partnering with Above & Beyond deliver daily practices for mental, physical, and emotional well-being. Click the links below to learn more! Topics include:

- **Recharge Your Wellness:** 🧘🏻‍♀️🌸🔋 Don't let your battery run low. Take time to recharge your mind, body, and soul! Just like your phone, YOU need regular rejuvenation to function at your best. Discover simple daily practices to promote inner peace and improve overall wellness by following ABOVE & BEYOND @mbkabovebeyond. When you take care of yourself, you can conquer anything!
- **Practicing Wellness:** Curated advice for mental peace (Isa), physical care (Scott), and soul nurturing (Aniya).

Isa (mind) - Caring for your mind is essential to overall wellness. 🧠

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Scott (body) - Your body is unique, and caring for it is vital to self-care. 🧘🏻‍♂️

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Aniya (soul) - Nurturing your soul is as important as caring for your mind and body. 🧘🏻‍♀️

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- **Digital Responsibility:** Disconnecting from phones, computers, and TV screens can work wonders for your mental and physical health. Discover the power of simple, daily practices that promote peace of mind and improve your overall wellness.



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