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To The Unconquerable Host of Africans Who Are Laying Their Sacrifices Upon The Editorial Altar For Their Race

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COMMUNITY

Breakthrough Inner City Youth Program comes to town

Business Leaders donate \$100,000 to kick off Chicago All Stars performance is the key to development

The All Stars Project (www.allstars.org), one of the country's leading privately-funded, outside-of-school, youth development programs, kicked off its program in Chicago with its biggest Network Showcase yet on Saturday, November 17th at the Southside YMCA. On Saturday, over 55 young people performed song, dance, rap and hip hop in the Chicago show.

Since September, inner-city children and teenagers, between the ages of 5-25, have been performing and volunteering at the Chicago All Stars Talent Show Network events. "In the All Stars, performing is more than just a creative outlet. It's a tool for social and personal development," explains Pamela A. Lewis, Director of Youth Programs. "The All Stars believes everyone performs in life as well as on stage. And so we use stage performance to teach life skills for growth – relating to poor kids as people who have the capacity to create their lives. The results have been astonishing."

Chicago business executives, led by Merrill Lynch Managing Director Ken Vallrugo and Michael Anthony, a partner in the James Mintz Group, raised the \$100,000 in start-up funds needed to launch the All Stars, which is a partnership between the business community and inner-city youth. Chicago All Stars is directed by David Cherry, a longtime community organizer and activist. All Stars is holding its November events at the YMCA, thanks to Fran Bell, Vice President of Government and Community Relations of the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago.

All Stars programs involve tens of thousands of inner-city children and teenagers nationwide. In addition to Chicago, the All Stars Project sponsors programs in New York City, Newark, NJ and the Bay Area in California. All Stars is also produced by local organizations in Atlanta, Boston, Los Angeles, and internationally in Curaçao, and Amsterdam, the Netherlands.



DAVID CHERRY, DIRECTOR of the Chicago All Stars, with volunteers Gia Barnett, Shakimah White and Keith Gordon.



THE X-SQUAD, a rap group from Bayside, performed at the All Stars Talent Show.



D12, A DANCE GROUP, performed at the All Stars Talent Show.



ZAPORAH PRICE, AGE 6, performed as a hip hop dancing mime at the All Stars Talent Show on Saturday.