

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2024



TRENDING THIS MONTH :

- STAFF OF THE MONTH
- ACCOUNTING AID
 SOCIETY
- GLEANERS DRIVE UP
 FOOD DRIVE
- CRCAA TECH HUB
- VIRTUAL COMMUNITY MEETING



LETTER FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KENYETTA M. CAMPBELL

Happy New Year!

The Cody Rouge team is looking forward to serving the community in 2024. We started the year off attracting and aligning resources to assist in making families whole.

Our team is expanding and we are excited to announce to announce the hiring of our new Youth Coordinator Taylin Hodges and Special Projects Manager Ashley Studstill. Both have previously served as president of the Cody Rouge Youth Council. We are looking forward to witnessing the impact that they will make collectively along with Renee Jones, Amanda Nihem, and Darrell Hall. Together, we are building a pipeline of youth leadership in Detroit.

We are looking forward to sharing new updates with you at our informational virtual meeting on February 15th at 6 PM. Click the link to join us <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82261006964</u>

CRCAA TEAM PERSON OF THE MONTH RENEE' JONES



Renee Jones joined CRCAA in 2023 and has added great value to the organization. We are proud of her ability to not only provide high quality services to teens, but also work closely with parents.



YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FEBRUARY 2024



Cody Rouge Community Action Alliance in partnership with Congress of Communities, UNI, ECN and CDAD hosted a Community and Career Expo.

Young people heard from a panel, attended workshops, and Resource table to learn about and prepare for a career in community development.





TAYLIN HODGES IS DOING A PHENEMONAL JOB IN LEADING OUR TEENS IN THE CODY ROUGE COMMUNITY.

UNDER HER LEADERSHIP, TEENS HAVE ACTIVELY LED THE CITY OF DETROIT GOVERNMENT VERY FIRST YOUTH LED STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK PLAN.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

FEBRUARY 2024

CODY ROUGE COMMUNITY ACTION ALLIANCE

COMMUNITY MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024

6:00PM - 7:00PM



TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

CODY ROUGE 2024 PLANS

JOIN CODY ROUGE COMMUNITY ACTION ALLIANCE'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

KENYETTA M. CAMPBELL

AND HER CRCAA TEAM FOR A VIRTUAL INFORMATIONAL COMMUNITY UPDATE

JOIN ZOOM LINK:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82261006964

BY PHONE: 1-646-931-3860

MEETING ID: 822 6100 6964



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Kenyetta M. Campbell Executive Director



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THURSDAY'S BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

1:1 ASSISTANCE SESSIONS ARE 1 HOUR. IF YOU ARE 15 MIN LATE, YOU MUST RESCHEDULE. **COMPUTER CLASSES**

(YOU MUST BE REGISTERED)

SATURDAY: 12:00PM - 1:30PM

CLASS OFFERINGS: MICROSOFT WORD FUNDAMENTALS MICROSOFT EXCEL FUNDAMENTALS GOOGLE SUITE FUNDAMENTALS ZOOM FUNDAMENTALS

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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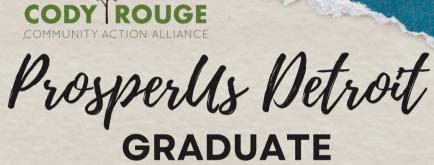
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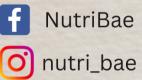


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SAESHA NIX





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Falling in Love with NutriBae

By: Niccole Nelson

Winning recipes and pitches has ProsperUS Detroit Graduate Saesha Nix enjoying the fruits of success.

Culinary Creative Saesha Nix took the leap into entrepreneurship in December 2020 with her business NutriBae, to provide smoothie recipes using quality ingredients that prioritize healthy nutrition and puts her customers first. Choosing not to use added sugars, syrups, gluten, soy or dairy in their blends reinforces that priority. It shows that their connection to the needs of inner city communities and raising awareness about the effects nutrition has on our health is of high

importance to Saesha. Likewise, her customers found her smoothies as a great source of immune support and convenience during the COVID pandemic, providing a healthy nutritional option and contactless delivery.

Winning the ProsperUs Detroit Pitch competition allowed Saesha to continue to elevate the NutriBae brand. This allowed her to become licensed to join the Southfield Culinary Studio commercial kitchen, as well as acquire top of the line equipment. Once again ensuring an even higher quality product for her customers. NutriBae is cultivating sustainable relationships with local farmers and artisans networking to expand a wellness collective that will bring viable options to neighborhoods in need.

Saesha was the first place winner of this cohorts pitch competition and I had to ask how she got so good at pitching. With all humility she said, "it's practice and passion for the business". The purpose behind the brand is the driving force of her intentionality with her words. Saesha was even gracious enough to share a few tips with me. One - focus on what you know. Two - Keep your pace, then edit from there. Three - Practice and then practice some more.

NutriBae has a huge mission, this win reinforced and validated it. With the flagrant void for healthy options in our community our company has the potential to make a big impact. NutriBae is currently looking for a place to call home to better serve Detroit neighborhoods. This will fuel the five year plan to have multiple locations in Michigan and expand out of state offering

shipping. There is also a potential franchise opportunity for those looking to serve and uphold the company values while providing quality care for the people.

When it's good, you want it to keep coming and that's just what NutriBae is planning. Look for cold pressed juices and energy bites with the same wellness driven ingredients as this company continues to grow.

If healthy options is one of the ways you express self-love be sure to make NutriBae one of them. You may purchase from NutriBae at www.NutriBae.net or call 313-454-1738



NEIGHBORHOOD Stabilization

FEBRUARY 2024



property Tax Exemption Program. Gather all pertinent documents and make an appointment as soon as possible. 2023 applications are also still being accepted. Being tardy can cost you money! Call us today! Call: (313) 397-9280



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<u>APPLY NOW!</u>

ISSUE 1 **NEIGHBORHOOD** STABILIZATION

FEBRUARY 2024



The 0% Interest Home Repair Loan Program offers 10-year, interest-free loans from \$5,000 to \$25,000 to help Detroit homeowners invest in and repair their homes - promoting public health and safety, increasing property values and helping residents secure and maintain homeowner's insurance.



- Removal of lead & other health/safety hazards (required)
- Electrical repairs;
- Furnace & HVAC replacement; Plumbing
- Roof replacement
- Door and window replacement;
- Concrete repairs (sidewalks, driveways);
- Porches and other structural repairs

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NAVIGATOR ON SITE HERE

ST. SUZANNE CODY ROUGE COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

EVERY WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

No appointment necessary

Financial empowerment

Energy assistance

Housing

Property tax assistance

Mortgage support

Food and PPE

Water bills

Home weatherization

Emergency plumbing repairs

Financial training

Child car seats

Services for Veterans

Domestic support

Homeless



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New Gleaners Drive-Up Community Mobile

Third Saturday of Every Month, 9:00-11:00 am

St. Suzanne Cody Rouge Community Resource Center 19321 W. Chicago, Detroit MI 48228

Upcoming Distribution Dates:

December 16, 2023 January 20, 2024 February 17, 2024 March 16, 2024









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MONTHLY CALENDAR

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday	Tonuay	Tuesuay	weunesuay	1 SPCA Monthly Meeting @Weaver 6PM	2	3
4 F ORP Sugarbush Rouge Stone Bridge Trail Park 2PM	5 WCO Monthly Meeting @ St. Peter St. Paul 7PM	6 DK Food Drive @St. Suzanne 10-2	7 CRCAA & AAS Tax Prep @St Suzanne 9- 5	8 JCA Monthly Meeting St. Martha's 6PM	9 CRCAA & AAS Tax Prep @St Suzanne 9-5	10
11	12 WODCA Ladies Brunch Hudson's Café'	13 DK Food Drive @St. Suzanne 10-2	14 CRCAA & AAS Tax Prep @St Suzanne 9- 5	15 CRCAA Virtual Community Meeting 6PM to 7PM	16 CRCAA & AAS Tax Prep @St Suzanne 9-5	17 CRCAA/Gleaners Food Drive @ St. Suzanne 9AM
18 FORP Winter Tree Identification Walk #2 Sorensen Recreation Area 2 to 3:30PM	19	20 DK Food Drive @St. Suzanne 10-2	21 CRCAA & AAS Tax Prep @St Suzanne 9-5 FPO Monthly Meeting @ St. Suzanne 6PM	22	23 CRCAA & AAS Tax Prep @St Suzanne 9-5	24

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