

straight street

MINISTRY TO YOUTH

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The mission and purpose of Straight Street is to provide a safe Christian environment where at-risk* youth can obtain the necessary skills and training needed to mature and discover God's divine plan for their lives.

For our purposes, an "at-risk" youth is a young person between the ages of 11 and 18 years old who is behaving in such a way that if a caring adult does not step into their life with some help, there is a high likelihood they will hurt themselves or someone else.



*A kind gesture can
reach a wound that
only compassion
can heal*



The Future belongs to our youth. Invest in them today



**“Use your
unique gifts and
talents to make
a difference in
the world.”
— Lailah Akita**



Straight Street has faced many challenges, but we have also experienced great joy and blessings.

We are more DETERMINED than ever to push through our PURPOSE and MISSION. We ask that you continue to uplift us in prayer for the SEVERAL young people who are at risk in our community, that we might always be able to provide them a safe haven.

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING STRAIGHT STREET



Testimony

Willie came to Straight Street when he was 9 years old and after recently losing his mother, he felt lost in the world. By his own account “when my mom passed away, it just took everything out of me. I was young and I didn’t understand what death was, I just knew she wasn’t coming back. I was lost for a couple of years, so I started going to church and this lady introduced me to Straight Street. From the very first moment I walked in the door, I felt like I was born again. They were the first people to tell me again that I could be whoever I wanted to be” Today Willie is 20 years old, currently enrolled at a junior college and working as a mentor at Straight Street. Willies story is all too common in our communities and some have far worse stories. The national statistics on at-risk youth are that 24% are currently found in Texas, United States and just like Willie, most of these kids are in a very precarious position. They are up against poverty, racism, and crime. The good news is that programs designed by Straight Street result in opportunities for success by providing academic, social and communication skills building. These programs increase the likelihood of positive outcomes among the youth involved in our community as well as help them discover God’s divine plan for their lives. As a result, year after year we celebrate the success of some of these youth as they graduate from high school, get into college and grow into competent, confident, self-sufficient Christian adults leading positive change in our community.



**EVERY CHILD IS
ONE CARING
ADULT AWAY
FROM BEING A
SUCCESS STORY**



18% OF TEENS IN THE US & 23% IN TEXAS ARE LIVING IN POVERTY



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