

# Investing In Our Youth

A Family Empowerment Organization

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## OUR VISION

Investing In Our Youth's vision is a picture of collaborative efforts with individuals and organizations assisting our citizens to fulfill their dreams and goals of prosperity and health, with dignity and respect, while exercising our rights and responsibilities to build and positively impact our community and the world.

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IOY Executive Director



## Exploring New Territories

We are excited to announce that Investing In Our Youth has moved to a brand new location! It is important to us that we keep the community aware of what's going on with our organization. Therefore, we invite you to **stop by and take a look at the new building.**

IOY is honored to serve the families of Gadsden County and continues to provide our successful afterschool programs and services, as we have done since 1997.

We are also very proud to continue our premier program – GIRLS ELITE. Girls Elite believes that when given the skills to tackle the problems girls face in their everyday lives, they will overcome obstacles, put forth great effort and become the socially responsible, culturally conscious adults that we all strive to be.

In this Newsletter, we hope you will be informed, invigorated, and ultimately inspired to **join us in our efforts** to further our community.



## WE'RE SETTING A STANDARD

Engaging our students in the areas of education and life skills are very important factors in producing the new thinkers and leaders of tomorrow.

As we all know, it is a very challenging task to provide quality services without financial assistance. *Investing In Our Youth* provides programs that take a proactive approach to tackling these academic challenges, and we greatly appreciate the volunteers and sponsors who have assisted us over the years in keeping our vision in-tact.

Youth rallies, field trips, guest speakers, and family conferences allow our students to learn more about opportunities inside and outside of their immediate communities.

We feel that our program is just the beginning for these young students. It's always a blessing to hear from students who have graduated and excelled!

Along with our Girls Elite program, the 21<sup>st</sup> Century program also continues to be a strong part of our afterschool program. As a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center, IOY strives to assist our students in the areas of math, science, and technology.



## LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

As you can see, we have used A LOT of elbow grease to get our new space ready for our students. We've replaced windows, doors, paint, and more.

We've worked very hard to make sure each child has a place to sit and rest from the day at school, utilize the computer lab to excel at academics, have a snack to fill their belly, and feel safe.

But there is still more that needs to be done to our place. To be specific, some of the **things we still need include:**

- Carpet for some rooms
- Additional outside lighting
- Paving and Grounds Upkeep
- **Funds for recurring projects**

Parents, as we are excited about our future, we're excited about your child's future as well. We are currently enrolling for our after school program.

To download an Enrollment Form, visit [www.InvestingInOurYouth.org](http://www.InvestingInOurYouth.org).

To pick up your form in person, please visit our Center at:

600 South Adams Street  
Quincy, Florida 32351



## HOW YOU CAN HELP

1. If you would like to **donate online**, visit our website.
2. You may also **mail** or bring by a **check or money order**.
3. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact us.

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