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PRV NEWSLETTER

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About our newsletter

Welcome to The Billboard! Our PRV monthly digital newsletter.

This newsletter was created so that we can protect the identity of the justice involved youth we work for while creating a bridge of awareness and transparency to the community of what is possible when we empower youth in their pursuit of a better life and provide them with adequate support to get there.

In addition to highlighting PRV intern achievements, this newsletter shares information about community partner collaborations and is committed to bringing awareness to initiatives and events that build community and impact the greater Houston area in a positive way.

Each month we select one person or organization to receive "The Grammy" for their exemplary work creating positive change .

ABOUT US

At Project Remix Ventures (PRV) our mission is to work alongside justice involved youth impacted by social and systemic disadvantage.

PRV was born in response to students of The Opportunity Center who shared a desire to stay "tapped in", while expressing concern about being unable to meet their basic needs. Harris County Juvenile Probation Department (HCJPD) Director of Strategic Partnerships, Vanessa Ramirez began to consider alternative methods of extending the duration of student admission for those who are motivated to continue to create positive change in their life, ensuring youth are adequately prepared to transition into adulthood. Partnered with current Board Chairs Diana Rodriguez, and Morgan Crowell; PRV was formally founded in May of 2023.

Through the support of the HCJPD , PRV celebrates student progress through our hybrid model that works in tandem with The Opportunity Center curriculum by offering programming during school hours. Students who have completed two (2) GED exams are eligible to participate in programming in lieu of previously scheduled GED curriculum hours; maximizing productivity by monetizing enrichment programming (e.g., financial literacy, networking and fundraising, branding, small business logistics) offered to all students.

Currently, the timeline from student admission to GED attainment varies drastically from student to student. While some students are enrolled in GED programming for more than six months, other students receive their GED in a matter of weeks. Project Remix Ventures creates a seamless transition to real-life professional job experiences without requiring students to choose between employment or continued participation at The Opportunity Center.

In consideration of increased student enrollment, and with the support of HCJPD, we have carefully developed our program to work as a hybrid model; which means the bulk of our start-up budget for Project Remix Ventures is allocated directly to programming. In year 1, the profit made through our social enterprises will make up nearly 10% of our annual budget based on cautious projections. Our conservative projections estimate that in five years sales from our social enterprises help their respective micro business break even.

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PRV NEWS

Project Remix

Ventures reMIXER

We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who joined us for the Project Remix Ventures official launch reMixer on July 25th at Porch Swing Pub! It is because of community members like you that our work is possible - we sincerely appreciate you.

It was a wonderful experience introducing our nonprofit to the community and sharing more about our work. Our youth were blown away to learn that their products and auction items raised more than \$2000!

These funds will be directly reinvested back to our youth interns; providing them with the support necessary as they continue to move forward. We hope to see you again very soon!

We also want to thank our sponsor The Calderon law firm for their generous donation that helped put this event together.

[EVENT GALLERY LINK HERE](#)



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| PRV IN FALL 2023

We have been working hard this summer to ensure that we are able to keep up with increased student enrollment numbers predicted for the Fall semester at The Opportunity Center.

To do this, our team has been working to develop relationships with professionals, entrepreneurs, and passionate volunteers in the greater Houston area.

This Fall we plan to expand our network with the launch of a podcast station and **semi-public** coffee & juice shop.

Each social enterprise is intended to teach a marketable skill to our youth that they can monetize while working towards GED and vocational certification opportunities provided by Work Texas.

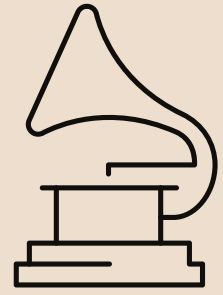
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THE GRAMMY

AUGUST 2023 RECIPIENT

MARCUS HILL



THE GRAMMY: FOR MENTORSHIP & DEDICATION TO COMMUNITY

Marcus Hill is the definition of living with intention, purpose, and compassion. Marcus has provided PRV and our youth with unmeasurable support; always willing to share his time and talents generously and without hesitation. Marcus is selfless and humble – always responding to our gratitude towards with nothing more than, “I’m just doing what He told me to”. An entrepreneur and custom apparel business owner; Marcus often lends his time helping our youth navigate digital image creation; and, after seeing our pressing need donated an industrial sublimation printer to Printing Hope to continue youth skill and product development this Fall.

Marcus has shown up for us consistently and is someone we can always rely on to show up with a positive attitude and infectious optimism. Marcus reminds us constantly to have faith; and, reminds us what it means to practice community and see the bigger picture – to be the change we want to see in the world.



Additionally, Through The Alliance Marcus provides services to youth, their families, and the surrounding community with knowledge and resources to, “better manage their finances, pay down debt, increase savings, establish and build credit, and access safe and affordable mainstream banking products”.

Marcus also serves as a mentor through the Prison Entrepreneurship Program (PEP); a program dedicated to successful prison re-entry. For these reasons, and so many more – we are incredibly proud to select Marcus Hill as our August 2023 Grammy Award recipient.

VERSE VAULT

**UNLOCKING THE UNTOLD STORIES OF OUR YOUTH - THESE ARE
THEIR VERSES.**

ENDLESSLY FREE

BY:

ONCE UPON A TIME THERE WAS A CROW.

EAGER TO LEAVE HER NEST BUT NO PLACE TO GO.

THE LIGHTS, THE STARS KEPT HER MIND AFLOAT.

YET DEEP DOWN INSIDE HER MIND WAS A DRIFTING BOAT.

LOST AT SEA HELPLESSLY LOST WITH WHAT OTHERS WANTED HER TO DO.

STILL, SHE STEERED ON INTO THE MIST WITH HOPES OF A VIEW.

TO THIS PARADISE ONLY FEW DARED TO ENDURE THROUGH
TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS WERE PART OF THE JOURNEY.

BUT THE ONES WHO MADE IT WERE THE MOST WORTHY.

THE MOON REFLECTING OFF THE GREAT WATERS SHINED SO BRIGHT.

THAT SHE KNEW AT THE END IT WAS ALL WORTH THE FIGHT

FEATURES

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- Clinical Medical Assistant
- Phlebotomy
- Pipefitting
- Logistics

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EVENTS



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The Opportunity Center

We invite all members of the community to book a tour to fully experience what is happening through The Opportunity Center.

The Opportunity Center, an educational and vocational community-center by HCJPD is a one-of-a-kind facility that dismantles traditional responses to adolescent justice involvement by offering comprehensive community-based support that decrease risk factors; offering a solution that can redirect our youth once and forever.

BOOK A TOUR