



# NOTES FROM THE LAUNCH PAD FOUNDATION

The Launch Pad Foundation was founded in 2014. It serves as a vehicle to take people and communities from disenfranchisement into sustainability. We partner with local homeless shelters and placement organizations to identify individuals who can benefit from housing assistance. In addition, we provide literacy support for elementary school children and engage communities to enhance their quality of life through beautification projects.

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Greetings,

I hope all is well with you and your family!



*Here are our latest updates:*

**Keep Our Community Clean Up:**

Saturday, June 13, 2020 from 8 -10a

*(1st cleanup since the COVID 19).*

*Location:* C. T. Martin Natatorium and Recreation Center

3201 M.L.K Jr. Dr. SW, Atlanta, GA 30331

**Refreshments will be provided. Please join us.**

We have removed *over 4 tons of trash and debris* in 5 years. Of course, all possible because of our dedicated volunteers and amazing donors like you. Your partnership makes it possible to address community needs, as well as provide opportunities for The Launch Pad participants to learn the value of giving back. Thanks for your partnership and generous support.



## **We Read Together and the 100 Black Men of South Metro, Inc.**

Early childhood literacy is one way of minimizing the possibility of homelessness in a child's future. Getting the right start with literacy increases life chances, improves self-confidence and provides exposure beyond the limits of one's economic status.



We Read Together Program partners with community organizations, senior citizens and local businesses to provide volunteer reading coaches for 2nd and 3rd grade students.

We have mentored over 200 children in Fulton County Schools and now expanded to Clayton County Schools.

Unfortunately, due to COVID 19, we ended our program early this year to ensure everyone's safety.

However, we will continue our We Read Together program through a digital platform, starting June 11, 2020.

The summer session will be offered to the 2nd grade classes of Miles and Harper Archer Elementary Schools. I thank all of our partners and supporters for helping us change the lives of young people through literacy.



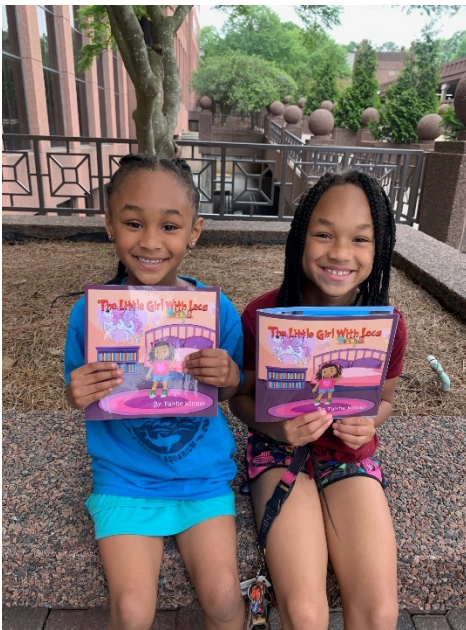
## The Launch Pad Participants

Ms. Robinson has completed a Real Estate course and is currently preparing to take her licensing exam. Ms. Robinson is also writing her first book.

Ms. Wilcoxson is working with HUD to become a first-time home buyer. In addition, we acknowledge her for serving as an essential worker during the pandemic.

Ms. Streater has completed her Certified Nursing Assistant course and is confidently preparing to take her exam as she works in the field.

Lastly, we highlight Ms. Kinsler. One of her goals upon entering our program was to become a published author. She has accomplished just that! With direction from our program, she is now a published author and is currently working on her photography brand.



My 1st E book was released on April 16, 2020 and I am really excited to share. This is a very special story to me (based on a real conversation I had with my eldest daughter Sapphire). I wanted to share a real moment to inspire other little babies in the world who might have felt like my daughter. My hope is to uplift and encourage them to walk unapologetically in who they are because life is bigger than just their hair.

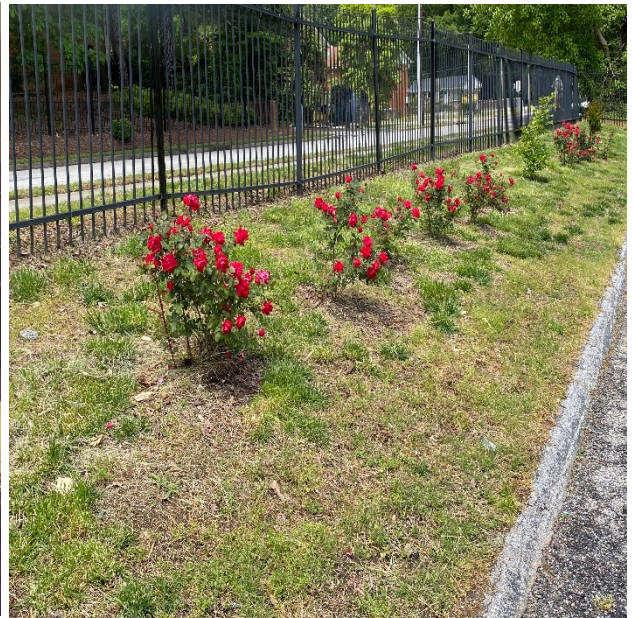
Please feel free to share with others on Facebook and submit reviews and comments. I thank you so much for the opportunity to be in this program because it has allowed me to gain the resources and information to publish my 1<sup>st</sup> book. I'm proud to say that I officially became an author while being in the Launch Pad. This has always been a goal for me and I accomplished it. Thank you all so much!

Faithe Kinsler

<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0875V7423/ref=nodl>

We celebrate the ladies of Cohort #3! Their spirit, determination, faith, and commitment have allowed them to build a foundation leading to a brighter future.





In closing, we continue to work to expand our capacity to strengthen families affected by homelessness, poverty, and disenfranchisement. We are grateful for the committed partners who support our efforts. Our current housing participants will graduate at the end of the year.

### **Media Spotlight**

We Read Together was featured on Fox 5 News for our commitment to the youth in our community. Please click and enjoy the link below!

<https://www.fox5atlanta.com/news/tutors-getting-creative-to-connect-with-students-online>

Please visit us at **[www.launchpadatl.org](http://www.launchpadatl.org)** to see all the great things we are doing in the community and become a part of changing lives.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

Sincerely,

Kenny Hill