

The
CONNECTING
P**INT** OVERVIEW GUIDE



MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to connect with one life, so we can reach one family, one community, one city, one state, and one country at a time.

OUR VISION

The Connecting Point International, Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization; established in 2018 out of the vision of Loretta Hawkins Outreach Ministries with the purpose to provide an array of services to the residents of Palm Beach County. We strive to meet the needs of the individuals and families who may be poverty-stricken, in need of food or clothing, or may need support as they cope with the obstacles of life.

OUR CORE VALUES

We are spiritually connected.

We are committed to building strong families within our communities.

We are dedicated to cultivating integrity in character and citizenship.

We are determined to focus our on developing the whole being.

2014 - 2015

Loretta Hawkins Outreach Ministries launched its first community event to unite women. The Women's Workshop entitled "What's In Your Bag?" brought women together from all over the area to be ministered to, to be healed, and to be blessed. Over 200 women left this event feeling encouraged and charged to carry on with their lives.



“YOUR
POTENTIAL
IS THE SUM
OF ALL THE
POSSIBILITIES
GOD HAS FOR
YOUR LIFE.”

—CHARLES STANLEY



2015 - 2016

The ministry initiated a 5-week summer program specifically targeting middle and high school students. This program, entitled, “Project 16 – Teen Talk Live” was comprised of 40 underprivileged adolescents residing within the Palm Beach County area. This 5-week program began on June 18th and concluded on July 23rd.

During the program, we committed ourselves to developing our youth to successfully conquer the challenges they encounter daily at school, home, and in the community. It was our mission to increase self-confidence, to motivate, to encourage, and to prepare our youth to become productive contributors to society.

The following topics were explored during the summer program experience: Career Exploration and Job Preparation, College & Vocational Training, Web Design, Financial Responsibility, Personal Care & Health, Surviving Peer Pressure, and Mentorship.



The faces of 2015 - 2016



2016 - 2017

Loretta Hawkins Outreach Ministries implemented a year-round initiative to further engage the students who participated in the “Project 17 - Teen Talk Live” program. Of the 40 students that participated in the program, 17 of them committed themselves to consistently meet every Sunday to learn more about the word of God. This group of 17 adolescents, 10 males and 7 females, consisted of 3 elementary aged students, 5 middle aged students, 6 students in grades 9-11, 2 high school seniors, and 1 college freshman.

We partnered with Urban Youth Impact’s back to school program, donating backpacks brimming with notebooks, binders, pencils, crayons, rulers, glue sticks, and erasers so that students could start their school year off feeling prepared. The backpacks were then given to less fortunate families for their children.

Our exceptional group of young people continued dedicating themselves throughout the summer to study the topics of Salvation, Sin, Righteousness and Faith. Extended study was also provided from the book of Proverbs as we examined the topic of Wisdom. Throughout the summer, the youth were engaged in a variety of inspirational activities, including a field trip to Miami to experience a Supernatural Encounter at King Jesus Ministries. The youth were amazed to witness the thousands of people who came to worship that day. Many of the youth had never traveled outside of Palm Beach County, so this field trip served as a grand opportunity to broaden their views and horizons.



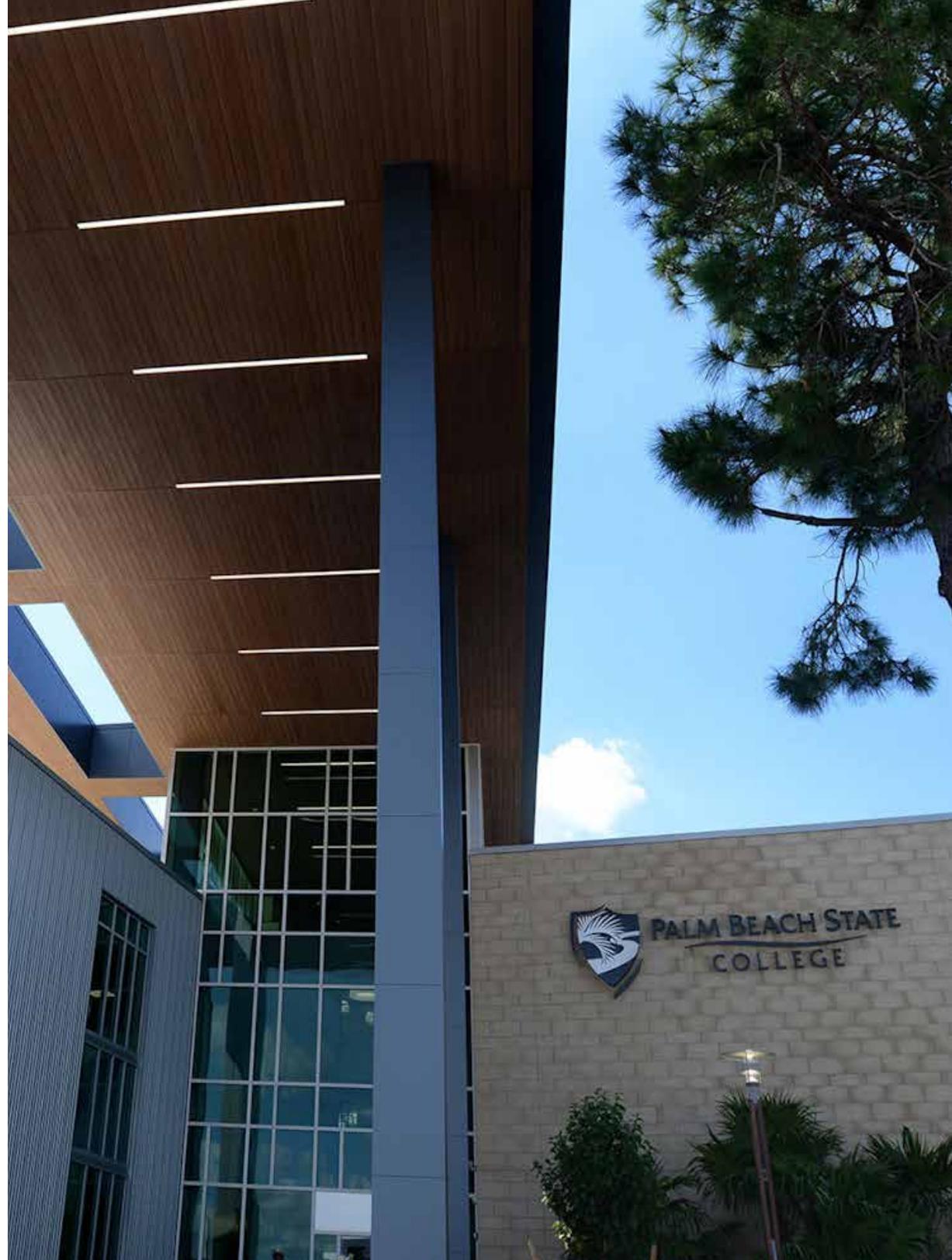
The faces of 2016 - 2017



2017 - 2018

The Project 18 - “The Jeremiah 29:11,” involved motivating and inspiring our to begin preparing for future endeavors. In an effort to fulfill this purpose, we partnered with five local organizations to create opportunities for the youth to experience the daily operations of professional work environments through group tours. In doing so, the youth received exposure to a multitude of career paths available to them as they began to think about and plan for their future educational and career goals.

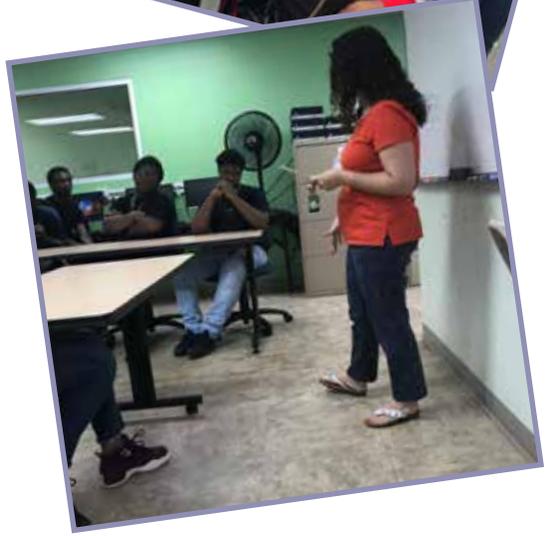
Project 18 visited and toured The Lord’s Place, Drug Abuse Foundation of PBC, Palm Beach Atlantic University, Palm Beach State College, Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office and the Public Defender’s Office. During the tours, the youth were fully engaged with the presenters at each location and asked great questions. At the conclusion of the tours, the youth were excited and motivated to begin planning for their futures, having been encouraged and inspired by the professionals and service providers they encountered and the knowledge that they received.



The faces of 2017 - 2018



Project
18
PURPOSE
JEREMIAH 29:11



2017 - 2018

In addition to teaching the youth to actively and positively think about their own futures, we encourage them to consider others and we taught them the importance of giving back to others.

For the past four years, the youth has participated in the Christmas Store event benefiting a local non-profit organization.

At past Christmas Store events, the youth were given opportunities to serve in several capacities. Some served as "Santa's helpers," helping the shoppers select the items that they desired. Some monitored children as their parents were shopping, and some participated in activities with the children such as face painting, playing with animals, and playing various games. The boys were taught the art of chivalry and served by helping parents carry and load gifts that they purchased to their vehicles. The valuable lessons that they learned during this season are lessons that can be utilized throughout their everyday life as they continue to help those who are less fortunate.

On December 23, 2018 we hosted our 3rd Annual Youth Christmas Gathering. With the helping hands of volunteers, we achieved our goal of providing a pleasant Christmas dinner for our youth, and concluded the dinner with a gift for them.





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DECEMBER 23, 2018



2019

We are looking forward to 2019 and anticipate phenomenal growth and success with the youth we engage as well as the community we serve. We have worked diligently to develop relevant and meaningful activities and events that we are convinced will be of great benefit to the students. A few of the scheduled events are described below:

Project19 Dream Out Loud

This five-week course is designed to empower students to embrace their dreams and aspirations with the knowledge that the power to achieve comes from within. The purpose of this event will be to encourage students to aspire to think and dream outside the norm. Additional topics of discussion will surround improving financial literacy, health and wellness, and character building. The course will also provide law enforcement education, mentorship, and participation in college and career exploration.

The Connecting Point Geared Up Back to School Drive

This event is designed to acknowledge the students' successful completion of Project 19. During the event, the students will receive a participation award and a backpack filled with back-to-school essentials, gearing them up for a great school year.

4th Annual Connecting Point Christmas Gathering

The Connecting Point is always family focused, and what better way to celebrate family than with a Christmas gathering! Our Christmas Gathering is dedicated to promoting family togetherness and provides the families we serve an opportunity to fellowship with one another. Our gathering is also used as a time to show our gratitude to our parents for their dedication and support.

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TO BE ACHIEVED,
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HOW TO CONNECT WITH US

CONNECT WITH US ON A PERSONAL LEVEL

\$25 will provide one youth a Connecting Point youth t-shirt.

\$50 will provide snacks for one week for the entire group.

\$75 will provide a meeting space rental, toiletries, and janitorial supplies for one week.

\$100 will provide educational supplies and transportation for one week for the entire group.

CONNECT WITH US ON A CORPORATE LEVEL

\$100 will provide four youth with a Connecting Point youth t-shirt.

\$500 provides polo shirts for team leaders and volunteers.

\$1,000 will provide event decor for all 2019 events.

\$2,500 equips all participating students with program materials for a full program year.

\$5,000 will sponsor one of the events for 2019.

- The sponsor logo will be printed on the event t-shirt.
- The sponsor logo will be included on print and digital promotional material.
- The sponsor logo will be featured at the event luncheon/dinner and recognized as the event's key sponsor.

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