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### WWMD MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Providing hope and resources to our community with a smile.



also teaches there will be seasons of Joy, Pain, dancing, sorrow, life, death, growth and even seasons of cutting back.

Our summer season has come and gone but Fall is full steam ahead presenting us all with a season of new beginning. As you enter this new time of growth, it is perfectly fine to be uncomfortable. New seasons can be messy and exquisite at the same time. Remember that all seasons of life, even the ones you like the least, represent new beginnings.

You will hurt and you will heal, you will build up and you will release, it's all part of the same process called: LIFE. Your transition to each season is an indication that you're not stuck. Even though you will lose some things, YOU ARE STRONG ENOUGH to keep going long after you think you can't.

I challenge you to take a moment of self-reflection to consider where exactly you are and where you have come from in your previous season. I strongly urge you to embrace this season of new beginnings you have been afforded, rejoicing in its beauty but not getting trapped in its webs of pain and grief.

WWMD has been a season of new beginnings for myself and my family in that we continue to encourage ourselves as we encourage you to stay positive, continue to make goals and meet them but most importantly embrace the new season you are in with a smile.

Cheers to YOUR Season of New Beginnings,

#### Inside this special issue:

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#### CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL **BACK TO SCHOOL BASH**



Central High School is apart of the Career Prep High School organization with a mission to provide students the academic & life skills needed for post-graduation success by incorporating research-based best practices in an innovative and safe learning environment.

The WWMD team participated in their Back to School Bash providing resources and information about What Would Marcus Do. We also had a raffle for those who signed up for our mailing list with the chance to win a JBL Bluetooth speaker and carrying case. At the bash there were also vendors selling merchandise, resource booths, and even a free hot home cooked meal. WWMD reached over 50 Families. Thank you Dr. Gary

Lewis and Tasha Ford for allowing us to come and be apart of a great Family Event.









#### WWMD FUNDRASIER

We hosted our first City Barbeque fundraiser and it was a great success. People came from all over Columbus and surrounding suburbs to support our mission at no additional cost to them. Participants could purchase their Sunday dinner as they would normally and City BBQ gave us 20% for each order. This donation helps us fund our service projects for the Winter Season. Thanks to all who supported!

WWMD always accepts financial support. financial contributions assists with the continuance of this mission. All donations are tax deductible. Make a one time or reoccurring financial donation at wwwmd614.org







## CARE COALITION



The WWMD had the privilege of presenting who we are, what we do, and why we do it to the Columbus Care Coalition.

The Columbus CARE Coalition helps individuals, families and neighborhoods become healthy and strong again after something bad happens. When we build up individuals and families in a crisis, we help build up entire neighborhoods.

We were able to connect with many different people with additional resources and who want to partner to support the advancement of the HILLTOP.



### Volunteer **SPOTLIGHT**



The WWMD Team is proud to celebrate Mr. Joe & Mrs. Karen Carter as our October 2023 Volunteer Spotlight.

Since the conception of WWMD both have supported our mission and continue to support through various ways.

It is our pleasure to show them our appreciation and love. We take this time to publicly say **THANK YOU Joe & Karen Carter** 



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# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

WWMD614.org/events



### WHAT WE DO

What Would Marcus Do is a non profit organization with a mission to Restore Hope and Resources to the Hilltop Community and abroad.

We accomplish our mission through various services such as Resource Navigation, Neighborhood clean ups, Neighborhood Pop Ups, Holiday Drives, Laundry Assistance, The Marcus M. Payne Scholarship Fund and the MP Empowerment Academy.

We are founded on the selfless acts of love given to the community by Marcus Marquis Payne who was robbed, shot and murdered on September 11, 2021. Visit us at <a href="https://www.wwmd614.org">wwmd614.org</a>



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