



Sistahs' Ca Nect, Inc.

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Sisters.....Connecting



Testimonials:

"This club has educated me on many different subjects. Ms. Hawkins is an angel brought to help us mature into young women. I am thankful for her and the Sistahs' Ca Nect program."

Elacia Kindley

"It's a group where I can be and express myself without judgment at."

Tisha Robinson

"This club inspired me to be open minded."

Essie Enich

"Sistahs' Ca Nect has had a huge impact on my life; I am not the person I was before I joined Sistahs' Ca Nect."

Yva Audate

"Sistahs' Ca Nect has taught me to be a better person and not to judge others."

Chante Meyers

"Sistahs' Ca Nect has opened my eyes in many ways. The things I have experienced and learned will surely follow me throughout my life."

Kierra Ruff

"Sistahs' Ca Nect has made me stronger as a young woman in this day and age. I was taught several different aspects to continue in life."

Tyler-Ann Gilzene

"Sistahs' Ca Nect has opened up doors for me since I joined. My attitude has changed tremendously and it has a positive effect in my life."

Queen Johnson

2011-2012 Activites/Events

Broward County Courts – (Field Trip)

Parent Night – (Event)

Fund Raiser – (Snack Sale)

Vision Board – (Activity)

Finance & Budget Workshop – (Wells Fargo)

Juvenile Process & Proceedings – (Workshop)

"Sista Chat" Book Club Luncheon – (Event)

Career & Employment – (Workshop)

Fund Raiser – (Hot Dog Sale)

Etiquette Workshop - Table Manners – (Activity)

Mothers Day Luncheon – (Event)

Women's Detention Center – (Field Trip)



Being in Sistahs' Ca Nect has given me more confidence physically and mentally. Thanks to this group I have connected with girls of all kind some that I would have never met. Ms. Hawkins has inspired me to get closer to my dream and reach further to my goal. I thank Sistahs' Ca Nect immensely for their patience, love and support. They have changed my perspective on life and how to live it. I thank Ms. Hawkins, I cherish her and respect her.

Rhonda M. Lee
Westview Middle

Girl Power Conference

When I went to Girl Power Conference I felt like I was in heaven! I love getting massages, manicure and pedicure, putting on makeup and my favorite was taking pictures.

Sometimes when I'm bored at home, I asked my mom if she would put me in a camp like girl power. I would love to go back there again because it's a lot of girly things to do there. I will always past by there and say that place is so nice; and thank you to everyone for their hard work in putting everything together for us.

Kodye Johnson
Carol City Middle

Womens' Dentention Center Field Trip

Walking into the Women's Detention Center opened my eyes into a world that is depicted very differently on television shows. The detention center made me realize how much I appreciated life with free will. No one telling me when and what to do; as well as not having my life under surveillance.

The four guides were very straight forward and didn't sugar coat anything to get the point across. Seeing the inmates in full character almost brought tears to my eyes to know that a careless mistake could cause not only young women but young men to spend their lives behind bars. The field trip to the detention center made me decide to continue going in the right path in life.

Tyler-Ann Gilzene
Miami Norland Senior



"Sista Chat" Book Club invited the Sistahs' Ca Nect young ladies to be a part of the Sista Chat Book Luncheon for the Diamond DIVAS selection.



"I believe this program has a very positive impact on my daughter, which has made her attitude and personality genuine and positive."
Ms. Meyers – Parent



"My daughter has become friendlier and more outgoing."
Ms. Johnson – Parent



"I would recommend this program to other parents."
Ms. Roberts – Parents



Welcome Aboard "Lil Chiefs"!!



"My Sister"
By: Latavia Hart

Becoming fearless young women,
Striving to serve in my family and community,
Discovering how beautiful I am within,
My SISTER and I are ONE.

Respecting myself, not hurting my SISTER,
Transitioning into womanhood,
Developing confidence in myself,
My SISTER and I are ONE.

Learning everyday the do's and don'ts,
Dedication and determination,
Speaking out to the world,
My SISTER and ME are ONE.

Commentary

The theme of this poem is about young women transitioning into womanhood together. The writing method of this poem is Quatrain stanzas describing the life of a young lady. This poem is one of my favorite pieces of poetry because it describes the mission statement of an organization that I participated in called Sistahs' Ca Nect, Inc.

Participants

ARNOLD, JESSICA
AUDATE, YVA
BAKER, ASIA
BENDERS, TAVIA
BOOTHE, DAWN
BREWSTER, SHANICE
BRYANT, STEPHANIE
CURRY, KENESHIA
DAVILLA, DIAMOND
DIXON, MARISHA
DOLCINE, ELIZABETH
DOTSON, VA CHARIYA
EMMANUEL, VANESSA
ENOCH, ESSIE
FLEURISSANT, REBECCA
FORBES, DEEDRA
FULLINGTON, KURSTEN
GIBSON, TERNEKA
GILBERT, TIARA
GILYARD, RAYSHEL
GILZENE, TYLER-ANN
GUERRIER, MYRNA
HART, LATAVIA
JOHNSON, KODYE
JOHNSON, MIA
JOHNSON, QUEEN
JOSEPH, SKYE
KINDLEY, ELACIA
LALANNE, RACHEL
LEATHERWOOD, ALTONEYCE
LEE, RHONDA
LEWIS, JAKERIA
MALONE, LAELA
MASSILON, RUTH
MCFARLANE, TREVONE
MEYERS, CHANTE
PLATEL, ANNE
ROBINSON, TISHA
ROGERS, HAILEE
RUFF, KIERRA
RUSS, CAMISHA
SEWELL, JANEIL
SHORTER, DESTINY
STUBBS, GEQUIYA
SUREZ, LISSETTE
TABB, ALLANAH
TOOMER, JAMEESHA
TRAPP, TYANNA
TURNER, PARIS
WALDEN, JAKEISHA
WALTON, SHYROME
WILLIAMS, D'AIKREA
WIMES, DAIJA
WIMES, DESMA

Participating Schools

NORLAND SENIOR
Luis Solano, Principal

WESTVIEW MIDDLE
Robin Atkins, Principal

LAKE STEVENS MIDDLE
Dr. Mark Soffian, Principal

CAROL CITY MIDDLE
Joyce Jones, Principal

Message from the founder.....

Thank You...Merci...Gracias!!

It has been a pleasure spending time with all of you.

I've learned so much being in your presence and I hope that there has been something said or done to help you want to live a better **LIFE**.

We shared our personal experiences, we asked our sistahs for advice, we received advice we didn't want, we celebrated our birthdays, we fellowshiped over many snacks, we journaled our thoughts and concerns, we enjoyed reading our first book, we presented our vision boards, we went on several field trips, we participated in fundraisers, workshops and special projects. Not to mention, our wonderful Mothers' Day Luncheon; and hopefully we will see each other again.

I thank all of you who faithfully attended our weekly meetings; I know that you could have spent your time elsewhere. I appreciate you allowing me to share many of my life lessons with you and thank you for sharing yours.

YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL BEYOND YOUR SKIN!! Take the time to explore those qualities, embrace them and apply them on your journey of LIFE.

Gratefully,
Mrs. Sandra A. Hawkins

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