



THE LINEAGE PROJECT

Advisory Board Prospectus

A project of the Tides Center
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Mission

The mission of the Lineage Project is to support at-risk & incarcerated youth, their families & communities, by offering yoga, meditation and other awareness-based practices. We are called Lineage Project because we feel that we all share the same Lineage: the lineage of the heart, and that wisdom teachings must continue to be passed down from one generation to the next.

History

Soren Gordhamer began teaching meditation to youth at juvenile halls in 1997 shortly thereafter he founded the Lineage Project .

Soren was inspired by the work of Dr. Jon Kabat-Zinn of The University of Massachusetts Medical Center, who has spent more than 17 years studying the effects of yoga and meditation on critically ill patients and post incarcerated populations. Dr. Kabat-Zinn has been an advocate of the project, stressing the importance of working with at-risk populations, and the value of bringing these practices to non-traditional environments.

In 2000 Mayor Rudolph Guiliani awarded the Mayor's Voluntary Action Award to the Lineage Project. It has been featured in the documentary "The Fire of Yoga" and visited by the Dalai Lama.



Core Beliefs

- Widespread involvement in illicit drugs and gangs is symptomatic of a larger search for meaning, community, and engagement.
- By building awareness and uniting the mind & body through physical activity, youth can learn to consciously manage stress, pain, illness and the demands of everyday life.
- Increasing self-awareness helps young people to cultivate compassion and commit to nonviolent engagement with their communities.

Our Program

The Lineage Project teaches at-risk and incarcerated New York City teenagers awareness-based practices, such as yoga and meditation, to help consciously manage stress, increase self-awareness, and cultivate compassion and commitment to nonviolent engagement with their communities.

We conduct our program in collaboration with local community-based organizations, schools, and New York City and State detention facilities. Our current community partners include, The New York State Office of Children and Family Services, The New York City Department of Juvenile Justice and The Jewish Board of Children and Family Services.

Finances

Under the financial auspices of the Tides Center, The Lineage Project currently operates on \$100,000- \$150,000 annually.

The Advisory Board

Each member of the Advisory Board:

- Identifies prospective Advisory Board members and resources.
- Serves on a committee, Current committees are Executive, Marketing, Development & Program
- Attends programs, events, and approximately 9 annual meetings.
- Supports the organization by raising or contributing \$1,750 annually
- Purchases at least one ticket to each special event.

Current Members: Todd Carter (co-Chair), Lou Lopez (Co-Chair), Fran Celmente, Stan Grier (Program Rep) , Alexandra Hixon-Ballard , Audrey Heffernan, Sarah Kolodny, Elizabeth Muller, Barnaby Spring

Advisory Council

The advisory council consists of advocates who support the organization through volunteering their time, expertise, or by providing financial or other resources. Examples of “resources” include special event planning or financial consulting services on a limited basis. Members of the Resource Council do not attend meetings or have the fiduciary responsibility of advisory board members . This an excellent way to support the organization when an advisory board seat is not the best match.

Current Advisory Board Members: Soren Gordhammer, Roshi Bernie Glassman, Daniel Goleman, Joan Halifax, Ph.D., Angel Kyodo Williams, Jon Kabat- Zinn, Ph.D, Cyndi Lee, Noah Levine, Dr. Bo Lozoff, Sharon Salzberg, Gina Sharpe

Advisory Board Priorities for 2009

Development, Web Design & Graphic Design, Public Relations and Marketing

